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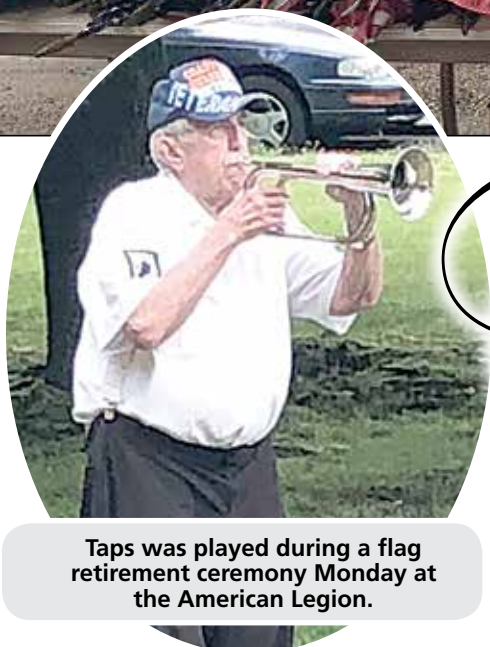
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American flags that needed to be retired were placed on a table before they were ceremoniously burned.



Taps was played during a flag retirement ceremony Monday at the American Legion.

Flags CEREMONIOUSLY RETIRED

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE – The cold, damp weather that lingered through Memorial Day weekend, returned this week during a somber, yet sentimental flag retirement ceremony held at the American Legion on Maple Street.

Flag Day marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our official American flag, which occurred on June 14, 1777.

The Earle F. Howe American Legion Post 123 and Ware Boy Scout Troop 281, with assistance from Ware Family Pack 520, retired over 5,000 American flags

by fire this past Monday, in observance of Flag Day. “This was by far the largest collection of flags to be disposed that the post has seen in many, many a year,” said Scoutmaster Dan Flynn. He credited this to several additional community efforts

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‘Somewhere Worth Seeing’ discussed

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE – Tracy Opalinski, representing the Edward and Barbara Urban Foundation, spoke to the Board of Selectmen at Tuesday night’s meeting about the visioning, branding and wayfinding project the foundation funded years ago. Opalinski said the foundation hired Arnett Muldrow & Associates to speak with people

and get an “authentic identity” for the town. After extensive research, AMA created a tagline “Ware: Somewhere Worth Seeing,” to be used in marketing efforts.

Several wayfinder signs were placed on roadways as a reminder to residents and those coming into town that Ware is “somewhere worth seeing.” Opalinski said the Ware Business and Civic Association has used the tagline to promote businesses in town.

She said the branding effort was “a very expensive gift they were happy to give,” to benefit the town. Opalinski said the tagline generated from the branding is for marketing purposes only, it is not a motto.

SelectBoard Vice-Chairman John Morrin said he is upset the town is using “Somewhere Worth Seeing” over and over again

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Board approves 30-minute parking limit

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARREN – At the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, June 10, at 6 p.m., the owner of Warren Package Store presented a letter to the board and a petition with 25 signatures asking to change one-hour parking to 30-minute parking in front of his business, and Fountain Insurance. Currently there is a sign designating those parking spots as one-hour parking only. With the re-opening of the bar, cars are parked in those spots for as long as two to four hours at a time. The letter asked for those parking spots to be reduced to 30-min-

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FY 22 budget could include 3% salary increase

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen had a joint meeting with the Finance Committee Monday night to continue fiscal 2022 budget discussions.

Among the topics discussed were raises for non-contracted employees. SelectBoard Vice Chair Julie Quink said some of the line items, such as the conservation clerk’s hours and the Paige Memorial Library, are being restored in fiscal 2022 after being reduced in fiscal 2021. Quink said there were no salary increases for non-contractual employees. She said a 2% salary increase across the board would add about \$12,000 to the overall budget.

Finance Committee Chair Cheryl Wolfe said she felt an increase across all departments was fair as employees have not had an increase in six years.

Highway Superintendent

Mary Gryszowka asked if his two employees were receiving the 2% increase, as opposed to the 4% he requested. Quink said the 2% increase would be for all departments. Gryszowka said his employees work long hours and in all types of conditions. They are doing extra work as they are short-handed by two employees. He said his department “keeps doing more and getting less.” The SelectBoard and the Finance Committee felt they had room to make the increase 3% instead of 2%.

Quink said they could add the 3% salary increases in this budget or wait until fall for Special Town Meeting. Kemp said she would like to add the increases now with the use of overlay from the assessors.

Wolfe recommended taking \$10,000 from the overlay to add to the fiscal 2022 budget.

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Hardwick Mill Greenery host agreement stalls

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Representatives from Hardwick Mill Greenery, the proposed marijuana cultivation and retail business to be located in the old brick mill, 94 Main St., were scheduled to attend the Board of Selectmen’s meeting Monday night to discuss their Host Community Agreement with the town. The board was joined by town counsel, Nicole Costanzo.

SelectBoard Chair Kelly Kemp said they received notification

from Hardwick Mill Greenery’s legal team that they would not be attending the meeting. Kemp said the legal team felt they are “too far apart from coming to an agreement,” in regard to the HCA. Costanzo said in her communication with the legal team, they felt the town was making demands of them. Costanzo said they have also mentioned they are looking at other sites to establish their business.

One of Hardwick Mill Greenery’s concerns with the

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Cub Scouts learn about bicycle safety

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer



Ware Police Officer Jake Crevier congratulates each Scout for earning their Rolling Tigers belt loop.

WARE – Since the end of April, Tiger Scouts from Ware Family Pack 520 have been learning about bicycle safety and the rules of the road while they earned their “Rolling Tigers” belt loop. This was the first “in-person” adventure for the Scouts since going virtual in the fall.

First thing the Scouts worked on was learning the appropriate hand signals to use when riding their bicycles. Left, right, stop, and slow down were all learned and practiced while riding and at rest. Many Scouts were initially apprehensive about using their hand signals while riding, but quickly gained

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Last week's photo was of VFW POW Joe Dendor and Roland Cloutier on Dec. 6, 1993.

Anyone who recognized the people in this week's photo should send their identifications and their full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

Storyteller Diane Edgecomb shares tales involving animals.

Storyteller shares folk tales with children

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE/HARDWICK – Last Tuesday master storyteller Diane Edgecomb provided two performances for the youth of Ware and Hardwick. Boston-native Edgecomb has been a storyteller and theatre artist for over 25 years. Weaving movement with humor and folk tales, Edgecomb was eager to provide live, outdoor shows after performing virtually during the pandemic.

Her first performance was held at Grenville Park, presented by Ware Family Center and made possible by the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Families and their young children kept cool in the shade on the hot day while Edgecomb performed her animal-themed routine.

Later that day, Edgecomb provided "Insect Comedy" to the families of the Hardwick Youth Center on the lawn of the Old Stone Church in Gilbertville. This program was made possible by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Edgecomb encouraged the audience to mimic the animals in her stories, acting out their tales. She said she has always been fascinated by insects and shared a story of a time she stood on a table at a restaurant to free a trapped Monarch butterfly from an awning.

Diane Edgecomb acts out a tale for children and their parents.

Audience members were encouraged to help Dianne Edgecomb act out tales.

Families enjoyed storyteller Dianne Edgecomb in Grenville Park Tuesday.

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BOS reviews EMS agreement with Barre

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Board of Selectmen met Monday, June 7, via Zoom. They invited the Barre Board of Selectmen, Barre Town Administrator Jessica Sizer and Barre Fire Chief Robert Rogowski to review the emergency medical services draft agreement between towns.

Barre proposed covering the Wheelwright area and parts of Hardwick that border their town for an assessment of \$25,000 a year. Hardwick BOS Vice Chair Julie Quink said they are still discussing partial coverage with the town of Ware. She asked the Barre representatives if they would be prepared to start July 1 if the agreement was approved and Sizer said they were. Barre BOS member Dr. Maureen Marshall said they should have each town’s counsels review the agreement before anyone signs. Both boards agreed to forward the agreement to their respective town counsels.

Rapid Recovery Plan Grant
Selectmen Chair Kelly Kemp said they were awarded a Rapid Recovery Plan Grant for Gilbertville by the Department of Housing and Community Development, which the board approved.. Kemp said they need representatives from involved boards and business owners to host a kickoff meeting. She said they had hoped to have the kickoff meeting back in April.

Webmaster’s hours
Kemp said she sent over the hours they discussed for Julie Murkette, town webmaster. Murkette said she was hoping for a set hourly rate, as her hours vary month to month. She said her bottom rate for other clients is \$25 an hour, but she would be willing to accept \$20 an hour from the town. Murkette said she would send a monthly invoice and itemize the departments for which she provides services.

CMRPC
Quink invited Trish Settles and Janet Pierce, of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning

Commission, to join the meeting. Quink said they talked about how CMRPC can assist with the recent Letter of Conditions USDA has put forth. Quink said CMRPC is well versed with contract management and can connect the right people to make this happen. Settles said she took a quick look at the amended LOC from the USDA and recognized the magnitude of the project. Pierce said they want to make sure the funding is secure as this project is important to the town and community. Pierce asked Kemp to clear CMRPC’s involvement with the project by the USDA.

Library trustee chair
Quink said she attended the Paige Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting last week and Eric Volheim was voted in as their new chair. Quink said the board has had a lot of influx from different trustees and residents, and said it is easier for the board to have only one representative from the trustees contact them. Volheim said it has been a rough year, but things should be fine now.

EQLT lists upcoming events for June and July

HARDWICK – East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, announces June events.

There will be youth activities throughout June and July. People should contact Pat for more information. Various youth activities will be held June 25, from

3 to 6 p.m., at the Petersham Friday Market, on the common, Petersham.

EQLT will hold a story time at the Ware Library, Main Street, Ware Tuesday, June 29, at 10 a.m.

Other events include the EQLT annual meeting and pot-

luck Saturday, June 19, at 5 p.m. at the EQLT office, 120 Ridge Road, and a garden tour in New Braintree Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. People may purchase tickets at EQLT.org.

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EMS update
Quink said she received a “hard no” from Ware about reducing the emergency medical services assessment from \$77,000 to \$75,000. Quink said they should start discussing their contract with the Ambulance Oversight Committee. At the moment, Quink is the only representative on the committee from Hardwick. Quink suggested having Police Chief James Ayotte attend the committee meeting also. The contract Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley is sending to Hardwick for EMS is similar to the previous one between the towns and is a three-year contract. Quink suggested asking for a one-year contract. Both Hardwick and Ware’s boards will meet on July 6.

Kemp said town counsel has the EMS agreement from Barre to review, and she is waiting to hear back from him.

Fire truck
Kemp said there are some large money articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant this year,

including a fire truck, generator and kitchen steamer.

Fire Chief Raymond Walker said they can table the article relating to the fire truck for town meeting until they learn if the town is getting a grant. He said it could be addressed later at Special Town Meeting.

Handicapped door
Kemp said the Municipal Office Building side door is still not functional for handicapped accessibility. The button on the pole is not working. Kemp said since the building is open to the public as of June 15, they could put a list of office phone numbers on the door for people to call when they need assistance with the door. SelectBoard Clerk H. Robert Ruggles said it would have to be temporary as ADA is strict about compliance.

USDA update
Kemp said they did get a response from the USDA to their request for an extension. Kemp said it was not a clear yes or no. The board had scheduled a meeting with Central Mass Regional

Planning Commission for Tuesday at 3 p.m. to see if the agency can assist with communication with the USDA. Ruggles said they need to have a real-time meeting as the emails back and forth are challenging.

Ruggles said there is little remaining of the \$2 million interim loan to start the project plans, and they do not have the grant money secured. He asked if they should halt the project, so they did not go over that amount. Wolfe said she felt stopping the project would send the wrong message to the USDA about the town’s commitment. He felt as long as the major parts of the project are ready to go out to bid, they should be in good standing. The board agreed to meet with CMRPC officials, and Ruggles said he would discuss it in the next Sewer Commission meeting.

Town Administrator
Kemp said they got an email from interim Town Administrator Katie Tyler about five applicants they have received so far for the town administrator position.

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HCA is the proposed benefit payment in addition to impact fees. Costanzo said a community impact fee is not meant to be revenue generating, whereas a community benefit payment can be. Hardwick Mill Greenery stated they did not want to give a benefit payment, but instead wanted to increase the impact fee. They proposed a 3% impact fee on gross retail sales and 1% on gross wholesale sales. They would also provide a \$5,000 annual dona-

tion to nonprofits and charities in town, 20 hours of community service and give local hiring preference for employees. Kemp said they have to justify and document the impact of the marijuana establishment on the town.

Kemp said there is also a section in the HCA about parking needing to be screened from view that Hardwick Mill Greenery wants stricken. Kemp said where the parking lot is below the road level, she did not think it would be an issue to remove the wording. SelectBoard Vice Chair

Julie Quink and Clerk H. Robert Ruggles agreed with Kemp that parking would not be a concern as did Police Chief James Ayotte.

Kemp said Hardwick Mill Greenery has a lot to offer, just being a business in town. “I certainly don’t want to turn away someone, but a benefit payment would be easier to manage,” she said in regard to having the impact fee only. Kemp and Costanzo will be meeting with Hardwick Mill Greenery’s legal team to continue the discussion.



The Quabbin Regional High School Envirothon Team poses on Soapstone Hill at the Quabbin Reservoir. Shown from left are Olivia Smith, Darian Hulsart, Katherine McMeemy, Quinn Trumbull-Olsen, Claudio Santoro and Casey Seem, all 10th-graders.

Quabbin Envirothon team receives Community Research Award

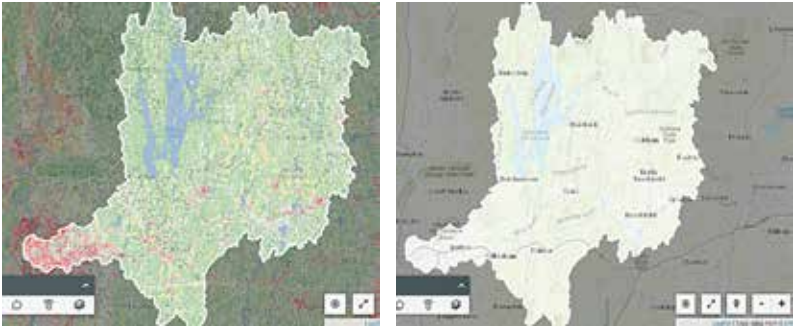
By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Envirothon Team was one of three teams across the state completing requirements for the Mass Envirothon Community Research Award.

“I’m very proud of them,” said their teacher coach, Elicia Andrews. She said they worked really hard and were a young team with only one member participating in the previous event and the team consisting of two 11th-graders and the rest were 10th-graders.

Participating team members from Quabbin Regional High School included: Katherine McMenemy, of Barre (10th grade), Olivia Smith, of Barre (10th grade), Quinn Trumbull-Olsen, of North Brookfield (10th grade), Casey Seem, of Oakham (10th grade), Claudio Santoro, of Hardwick (10th grade), Meghan Haupt, of Barre (11th grade), Darian Hulsart, of Oakham (10th grade), and Carissa McKee, of Hubbardston (11th grade).

Andrews said the Quabbin Envirothon team was a school club, which met Tuesday evenings. As part of their research on the 2021 current issue, Water Management and Climate Change, they had to interview three people concerned with water and how climate change changed their work. The Quabbin team interviewed eight individuals. The students interviewed Shauma Little, of the Environmental Protection Agency, Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge, of Many Hands Organic Farm, Hern Eck, a forester with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brett Bosijolie, environmental analyst with DCR, Justin Gonsor, environmental education/communication with DCR, Dr. Jason Spolarski, a



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These are the maps the team used in the community research project for the 2020-2021 Massachusetts Envirothon.

fisheries biologist with DCR, and Dr. Neil Peverson, a forest ecologist, with Harvard Forest.

In addition to the interviews, the team had an on-site visit to the Quabbin Reservoir. In a normal year, high school teams from throughout the state would meet in person and participate in workstations. This year due to the pandemic, the team prepared a virtual presentation, which they made to a panel of judges and then had a live Zoom session during which the judges asked the students questions on May 18.

This year’s site was the Quabbin Reservoir. They also used online maps. The Quabbin team worked from a map of the five member towns in the Quabbin Regional School District and the Ware River, Swift River and Quaboag River watershed. The map showed the water, forest and development. The team prepared for the presentation beginning in September and meeting once a week for an hour until the event.

Andrews said her team enjoyed interviewing people one and one and the site visits to Soapstone Hill at Quabbin Reservoir and hiking around the Swift River. The team had a limited number of site vis-

its due to the hybrid school schedule throughout most of the school year. She said the team received help from East Quabbin Land Trust educational outreach coordinator, Patrick Allison Jr.

This was Andrew’s third year coaching the envirothon team. She said the issue in her first year coaching the team was food systems and the other two years were about water.

The 2020-2021 Massachusetts Envirothon was made possible through the contributions of partnering agencies and organizations, including financial support from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the U.S. Forest Service, the Massachusetts Grange, Environmental Business Council of New England, individual contributions and local conservation districts.

Multiple federal and state environmental agencies, conservation districts, nonprofit organizations, higher educational institutions, and businesses are involved in planning and delivering the Massachusetts Envirothon program each year.

For more information on the Massachusetts Envirothon, people may visit www.massenvirothon.org.

Summer Solstice celebration moved to June 18

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society and the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library invite all to a celebration of the Summer Solstice on Friday, June 18, from 5 to 8 p.m., on the Hardwick Common. Please note the change of date. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic for your family. Listen to and perhaps dance to the music of The Otters sponsored by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council. There will be hot dogs, root beer floats with ice cream from Rondeau’s Dairy Bar and cookies for purchase. Materials will be available for craft projects.

Join them for an evening to celebrate the longest day of the year and the beginning of summer. Dress for the event in tie-dye clothes and wear flowers in your hair.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on June 23

WARE – The Ware Board of Health will be holding a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday, June 23, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Ware Town Hall Auditorium. Please check the Ware Facebook page or the Ware website for details on how to sign up.

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GUEST COLUMN

Reflect on, show respect for the American flag

By John Grimaldi
Guest columnist

WASHINGTON, D.C. – It is said that the flag of the United States was designed by Betsy Ross, a seamstress who lived in Philadelphia during the American Revolution. But, according to PBS, “some historians believe it was designed by New Jersey Congressman Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross.”

Whether it was Betsy Ross or Congressman Hopkins who designed the original Stars and Stripes, the Continental Congress, on June 14, 1777, adopted a resolution declaring that “the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate stripes red and white...the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.” And so, it came to be that our Grand Old Flag became the official emblem of the U.S. based on the Continental Army’s banner. It was carried into battle for the first time September 11, 1777, in the Revolutionary War battle of Brandywine.

“Here’s another, somewhat obscure, piece of the Flag’s history,” says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens. “The first observance of June 14th, Flag Day, was organized in 1885 by a 19-year-old schoolteacher from Waubeka, Wisconsin, Bernard J. Cigrand. It was not an official celebration, but it was the first known ceremony in honor of our nation’s ensign, according to Cigrand’s biographer historian James L. Brown in his book, “The Real Bernard J. Cigrand: The Father of Flag Day.”

Cigrand was passionate about the American flag. He is said to have delivered more than 2,000 speeches during his quest for an official, national day for the observance of Flag Day. It took him three decades of effort and in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 for the observance. Likewise, President Calvin Coolidge issued his own proclamation in 1927. However, it would take Congress another 33 years to declare it a national day of remembrance, not quite a national holiday, which President Harry Truman signed into law on Aug. 3, 1949.

“Today, more than ever, it is important for patriotic Americans to show appropriate reverence for the flag. We live in an era of unheard of, unexpected disdain for the American way of life, particularly among the younger generations. There are those who would see our democracy replaced by socialism, even communism, among those who do not know of what they speak. Thus, it is important to show them the ‘whys’ and ‘hows’ and the reasons we take the time to reflect on and respect Old Glory on June 14,” Weber said.

What better place to learn the dos and don’ts of the American flag than at the American Legion website? Here are a few interesting observations:

The flag code is The American Legion flag code.

On Flag Day, June 14, 1923, The American Legion and representatives of 68 other patriotic, fraternal, civic and military organizations met in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of drafting a code of flag etiquette. The 77th Congress adopted this codification of rules as public law on June 22, 1942. It is Title 4, United States Code Chapter 1.

A flag that has been used to cover a casket cannot be used for any other proper display purpose. That is not so: A flag that has been used to cover a casket can be used for any proper display purpose to include displaying this flag from a staff or flagpole.

A flag must be destroyed when it touches the ground. This is not so as long as the flag remains suitable for display, the flag may continue to be displayed as a symbol of our great country.

There has been a change to the Flag Code that no longer requires the flag to be properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. This not true, there has been no change to Flag Code section 6(a), which states: “It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.”

The Flag Code states that when the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display it is to be disposed of by burning in private. This is not true, the Flag Code as revised and adopted by the Congress of the United States in 1942 has never included the word(s) “private” or “in privacy.” Section 8(k) of the Flag Code states: “The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” Since 1937, The American Legion has promoted the use of a public flag disposal ceremony. This ceremony is a fitting tribute and an overt expression of patriotism, which enhances the public’s understanding of honor and respect due the American flag.

Observations here and there

It was fun to take a mini-vacation this past week! However, I have to admit that was weird to leave a newly-installed garden and a hen sitting on eggs in the care of my trusty house-sitter, especially with the mercury soaring the way it did. I came home to a garden that looked great and no chicks, yet...

Here are some observations from both during and after my vacation.

The vacation house had a major bunny problem. The owner installed a number of native plants to encourage pollinators and the rabbits seem to find most palatable. A small fence was installed around the perennials off the porch, but the new blueberries and serviceberry have been clear cut of anything rabbit height or less. Most of the shrubs in the mixed border have an umbrella-like appearance, with woody stems down low and growth at the top only.

I recommended switching up the repellents to keep the bunnies away, and this comes from personal experience. At the old house I never had a problem with rabbits in my garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that “the marking of his territory” had something to do with my good fortune. Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear by. One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after

it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the border or place containers of it in the garden. Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves; maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. Again, these would need to be replenished periodically and switched on occasion to keep the scent new and dangerous.

I visited a couple of great nurseries on Cape Cod. The hydrangeas they sell there are amazing, and it was oh, so tempting to bring one home. Unfortunately, I had just bought one a month ago that was advertised to be good and hardy, but not the blue I had wanted. More of a purple-blue. It was neat to come home and see that the advice I had given others for many years actually worked. By adding sulfur to the edges of the planting hole my new hydrangea is turning a lovely shade of blue. Yay! I am honestly amazed at how quickly the changeover took place. If you’d rather a pink toned hydrangea, raise the pH of the soil by sprinkling a couple of cups of dolo-

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Do not forget D-Day

Have we forgotten June 6th, 1944, the invasion of Normandy known as D-Day?

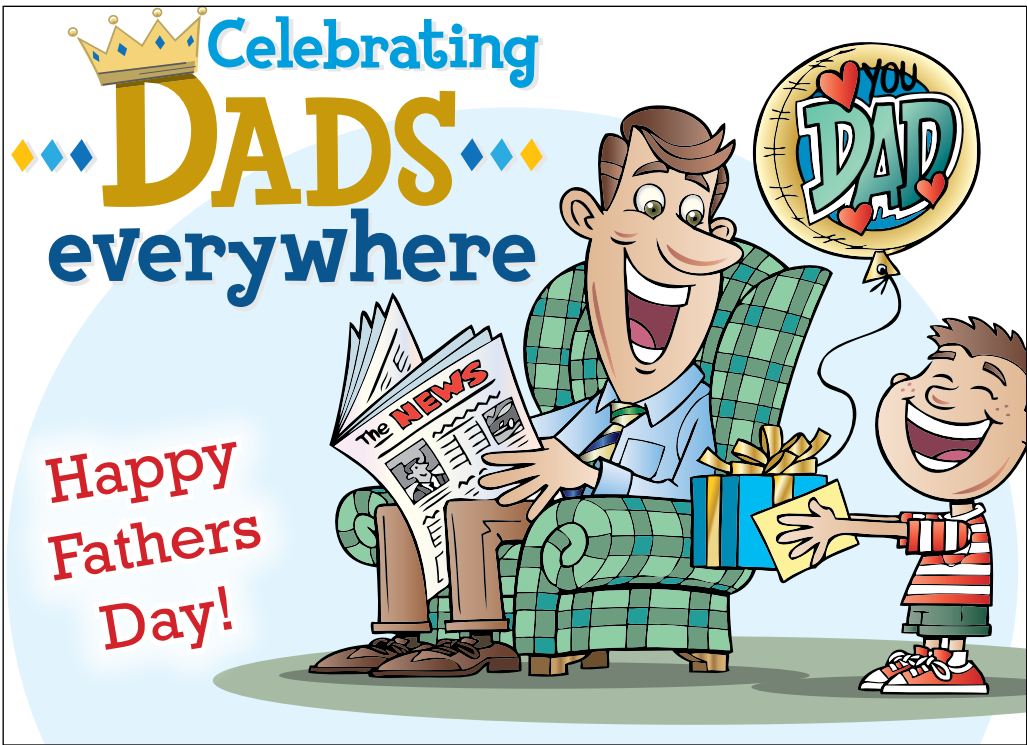
It was the greatest invasion in history that led to the end of World War II. Many our finest made the ultimate sacrifice.

There was very little mention of D-Day on national T.V., in fact nothing. I found a few local stations who had comments.

Those who perished rest in graves on foreign soil. We must remember their sacrifices and honor them.

Our nation remembers the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Let us not forget D. Day 1944, the 6th of June.

Gladys R. Boss,
Former Captain USAF NC



GUEST COLUMN

History Matters

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children’s books that emphasize the importance of American history.

June 16 to June 30

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith
Guest columnists

Women in space

NASA might have been conceived in 1958, but America’s astronaut corps did not accept women until twenty years later; in 1978, six out of 3,000 distaff applicants were finally chosen. Dr. Sally K. Ride was one of them; to the “suits” she had a positively perfect profile: a bachelors; a masters; and a doctorate--in physics--from Stanford University.

Ride had been pursuing a career as a professional tennis player, according to History.com, when she “answered a 1977 newspaper ad from NASA calling for young tech-savvy scientists who could work as mission specialists.”

In six subsequent years, Ride had a myriad of NASA jobs; then, on June 18,1983, she went on the of adventure of her life as a member of the Challenger crew—and became the first American woman to travel in space.

She was 32.
For more information about Ride and her legacy, the Grateful American Book Prize

recommends “Women in Space: 23 Stories of First Flights, Scientific Missions, and Gravity-Breaking Adventures,” byKaren Bush Gibson.

Title IX

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” As obvious as it sounds, this only became a law of the land on June 23, 1972, with the rather bland moniker of Title IX.

According to History.com, the reason Title IX was enacted was, until its passage: “few opportunities existed for female athletes. The National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA], which was created in 1906 to format and enforce rules in men’s football but had become the ruling body of college athletics, offered no athletic scholarships for women and held no championships for women’s teams. Furthermore, facilities, supplies and funding were lacking. As a result, in 1972 there were just 30,000 women participating in NCAA sports, as opposed to 170,000 men.”

Eventually, the legislation evened out the opportunities; in 1972, less than 300,000 high school girls were engaged in sports; now, there are more than 2.6 million.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win” by Rachel

mitic lime around the base of the plant once or twice throughout the growing season. A higher pH will prevent aluminum from being drawn up by the plant; aluminum has a bluing effect on the flowers of this particular type of hydrangea (H. macrophylla). Likewise, hydrangeas absorb more aluminum from acidic soil, so to make pink hydrangeas blue, do as I did and add sulfur to the soil around hydrangeas in the spring.

Another thing I came home to was sad peppers. You don’t have to be a pepper psychologist to make an assessment as to why. First, they were planted during unseasonably warm mid-May weather, only to have temperatures plummet into the high 30s at night. Then, no less than a week later, we have August-like temperatures and a drought. So why are the pepper plants pale and pathetic? Probably all of the above and then some. I will likely give them some fish and seaweed emulsion and hope that they can transition to healthy plants as the temperatures and moisture moderate. Let’s hope they do, anyway!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Should survivor benefits be claimed?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: When my father passed away and we went to update my mother’s Social Security benefits, a question arose that I was confused by. We were asked “Do you want to claim just your father’s benefit (which was larger) or claim my mother’s benefit and the difference between the two?” Either way it would come to the same amount. Is there a reason to claim one way over the other? Perhaps a caveat that we are unaware of? Is

there a loophole that we are missing that may potentially benefit the survivor? We are soon to face this question again as my father-in-law is very ill. Signed: Curious

Dear Curious: Well, they are basically the same amount but there is a nuance in the rules that many survivors aren’t aware of. Here’s why Social Security asked that question: It is possible for a surviving spouse to claim only the survivor benefit and defer claiming their own Social Security benefit until a later age if their personal benefit would be more

than the survivor benefit would be. A survivor benefit reaches maximum at the survivor’s full retirement age, but their personal Social Security benefit can grow until they are 70 years old. Thus, claiming the survivor benefit (only) first, and allowing their personal benefit to grow up to age 70 is often a wise move. Doing so allows someone to collect survivor benefits upon becoming a widow(er), while still maximizing their personal benefit. When later claimed, the higher personal benefit will

Coy Hill solar project to get signs, gate

By Kimberly Palmucci
Correspondent

WARREN – During its recent meeting on Monday, the Warren Planning Board approved a gate and multiple “no trespassing” signs to be located at the Zero Point Energy Solutions solar project at 334 Coy Hill Road.

The gate and signs, which required a vote as they were an amendment to the project’s site plan, were the result of a site visit in May in which representatives from the project met with neighbors from an abutting property and discussed concerns the neighbors had, according to discussion during Monday’s meeting.

Representatives from ZPT Energy Solutions said during the meeting they are ready to install the signs and the gate imminently. The town’s police and fire officials will also have access to the key to unlock the gate and get into the facility, the meeting discussion revealed.

The gate and the signs will help keep trespassers off the buffer area and out of the property of the abutting neighbor, according to officials. The addition of

these items was described as a safety advantage.

Further discussion indicated that the project had been built based on the approved site plans, which did not include a 150-foot buffer zone. However, as a condition, the Planning Board had requested a larger 150-foot buffer zone, but the project was apparently built without this 150-foot buffer zone, causing concerns.

One board member said they would not sign plans in the future unless they’ve been “redrawn after our orders of condition” so this situation never happens again. Other board members discussed this as well, stating that in the future, if the board approves plans and then submits conditions, they may consider asking for updated plans for “safety.”

Brendan Gove, of ZPT, said that the reason the findings were not questioned was that “nobody saw it.”

“I can assure you that we did not build this project with the intent of having this conversation a year and a half later,” he said.

Ultimately, a vote for the project is slated for the Planning Board’s next meeting on Monday, June 28.

REGION

Belchertown Food Truck Fridays return June 18

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Cultural Council is thrilled that the annual summer Food Truck Fridays series is back and better than ever. Rustic Fusion, Batch, Nom Nom Hut, Rooster’s Roaming Cantina, and Crave will all be joining us on the common to serve up delicious cuisine.

The events will take place on the Belchertown town common, starting on Friday, June 18 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Live music by The Father Figures and The True Jacqueline begins at 6 p.m. A public art project will also be hosted by The Belchertown Justice Collaborative. So grab your picnic blanket, sit back, relax, and

enjoy an outdoor celebration with us. Masks are not required per state regulations unless you are unable to keep a safe social distance and are unvaccinated. We fully support those who continue to wear a mask for personal reasons and encourage you to put one on as needed to protect yourself and loved ones. The Belchertown Cultural Council promotes excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Belchertown residents and contributes to the economic vitality of our community. More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/BelchertownCulturalCouncil/>.

Former Warren residents graduates from HCC

By Chris Yurko
Special correspondent

HOLYOKE – Todd Cummings got his first taste of restaurant life at the age 15. That’s when he started working at Howard’s Drive-In in West Brookfield, Mass., not far from his home in Warren.

For Cummings, high school was a slog. He graduated with a GPA of 1.64. By then, he’d decided that cooking, not college, provided a more promising path forward.

“I was street smart, not so much school smart,” he says. “I think I passed all my English classes with a D-minus.”

After many years and a long succession of restaurant jobs, Cummings added “restaurant owner” to his career plan.

“You put me in the kitchen, I’m good,” he says. “I can cook. I can run a kitchen team.”

Where he lacked confidence, though, was on the business side of running a restaurant – accounting, marketing and real estate. For that, he turned to Holyoke Community College.

“Given the failure rate of restaurants,” he says, “I want to be fully prepared.”



Courtesy photo

A cook by trade, Todd Cummings ’21 enrolled at HCC to learn the business side of running a restaurant and graduates this month.

Three years later, Cummings, now 37, graduated from HCC on Saturday, June 5, with honors and his associate degree in hospitality management. In September, the Northampton resident will continue to study business and hospitality at the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

“I feel good,” Cummings said late last month. “I got a lot out of HCC.”

Cummings had faced some steep hurdles when he started. For one thing, he didn’t have a car and quickly realized the buses he relied on during the day didn’t run after the classes he was taking at night and so he would need to budget money from his day job to pay for Uber rides back to his Northampton apartment.

Having been out of school for so long, he leaned heavily on his adviser, Lori Wayson, coordinator of HCC’s New Directions for Adult Learners program. “Lori was my one-stop shop,” he said. “She told me who to talk to and who to see, she helped me with financial aid and student accounts, and she helped me pick my classes.”

Right away, Wayson pointed Cummings toward two classes he credits for putting him on the path

to college success: computer applications and English composition.

“The last time I’d touched a computer was my senior year in high school,” he said. “When I started at HCC, I didn’t even know how to turn it on.”

A co-worker gave him an old laptop. Cummings immersed himself in the challenge of learning a program most new college students take for granted – Microsoft Word. “It took time, and a lot of swearing at my computer,” he said. “I never missed a class. I showed up early. I stayed late. I wanted to learn it. I needed to learn it.”

In English 101, he discovered a talent for writing. He got an A, the first of his life.

“If I hadn’t taken those two classes first I wouldn’t have had the skills to put an essay together the right way,” he said. “I wouldn’t have known how to type it up.”

That skillset proved invaluable as Cummings discovered another talent, finding and winning scholarships. He began his impressive run with the HCC Foundation, receiving the Delaney

House Scholarship in 2019 and the Pamela K. Reed Scholarship in 2020, both earmarked for students in hospitality management or culinary arts.

Beyond that, he has won scholarships from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, the National Restaurant Association, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, the NEWH New England Hospitality Industry Network, the American Culinary Federation, the James Beard Foundation, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association Education Foundation, SKAL Boston and HCC’s Green Key Honor Society.

Including his latest, a Flagship Award from UMass in the amount of \$12,000, Cummings has collected scholarships worth an impressive \$52,000. He estimates he has applied for close to 200, concentrating mostly on those based in Massachusetts and in his field of study.

“Todd has been the only student, to my knowledge, who has

accumulated such a large collection of scholarships as a student at HCC,” said Wayson. “I attribute his success to hard work, research and networking. He is truly one of a kind.”

Finances had long been a struggle. Before he started winning scholarships, Cummings sought frequent assistance from HCC’s Thrive Student Resource Center and Food Pantry for help with groceries and credit counseling.

“Food is just one less thing you have to worry about when you’re going to school full time, because this was not easy for me,” Cummings said.

Money got even tighter after the pandemic struck and Cummings was laid off from his job at Fitzwilly’s in Northampton, and fell months behind in his rent and utility payments. “These scholarships have changed my life, both pre-pandemic and current,” Cummings said. “In all honesty, I would have had to drop out without them. Knowing that I will be graduating from HCC debt free has freed my mind from worrying about paying off student loans.”

More than financial stability, the scholarships gave Cummings the freedom to concentrate on his studies.

He’s made the most of it. His name has appeared regularly on the Dean’s List. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success. He joined the HCC Creative Writing Club and has had his work published in Pulp City, the college’s literary magazine. He was a new student orientation leader, a member of the Student Senate and the Emerging Business Leaders Club, a peer tutor, and co-founder of the HCC men’s student support group called D.U.D.E. (Dedication, Unity, Drive for Excellence). During his last semester he wrote a short piece for the HCC Theater Department’s spring 2021 production, “In These Times,” and also performed in the play as a first-time actor.

Last month, he received HCC’s Class of 1953 Award for Outstanding Service from the Office of Student Affairs.

“The scholarships gave me the time to study and truly focus on myself to become better academically and as a person investing in my future,” he said. “Yes, financially, scholarships help. To me, though, time is the greatest gift.”

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replace the smaller survivor benefit. Of course, this option only makes sense if one’s personal benefit would later be more than their survivor benefit.

Social Security is required to ask this question because the person may be eligible for a higher benefit on their own if they wait until a later age to claim it, but the “survivor benefit only” option is useful only if the survivor has not yet reached 70 years of age. After age 70 they would always take whichever benefit is higher. In most cases Social Security pays the person’s own benefit first and then a “boost” to bring the payment up to the higher amount due as a survivor. But the choice to claim the survivor benefit only is an option if the survivor has not yet reached 70 and if their own benefit could later be more than their survivor benefit.

So, the question is – which option did your mother choose? And is your mother-in-law under age 70? If your mother’s own benefit at age 70 would not have been higher than her survivor

benefit from your father, then it doesn’t matter which way it was recorded. And if your mother-in-law is over age 70, it doesn’t matter either. But if not and either personal benefit at age 70 would be more than their earlier survivor benefit, then opting for the survivor benefit only and waiting to claim their own later would be (or have been) a better choice.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress Ryan

4. One of Santa's reindeer

10. Before the present

11. Type of butter

12. Location of White House

14. Motion

15. Tree part

16. Regions around the North Pole

18. Fits on a boat's gunwale

22. Discuss after it's happened

23. Milk substitute for coffee

24. Describes one who believes in supreme being

26. Equally

27. Famed director Forman

28. Popular apartment style

30. British School

31. Advanced degree

34. Order of architecture

36. Investment account (abbr.)

37. Snake-like fishes

39. Children's tale bear

40. Norse personification of old age

41. Atomic #58

42. Moving your head

48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner

50. Frankfurter

51. Small, seedless raisin

52. Device in paper-making machine

53. Go

54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)

55. "Westworld" actor

Harris

56. Saturated with salt

58. Marry

59. Report on

60. Midway between north and northeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Rays

2. Self-centered person

3. One you look after

4. Prosecutor

5. Portion

6. Speaks ill of

7. Formal system for computer programs

8. To make angry

9. Rural delivery

12. Group of languages

13. Large First Nations group

17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy

19. Excludes

20. Body cavity of a metazoan

21. Swedish monetary unit

25. Works with

29. Partner to "to"

31. Rewards (archaic)

32. One of Caroline Islands

33. Type of alcohol

35. Eat a lot

38. Nuns

41. Dog

43. Become more serious

44. Choose

45. Newspapers use it

46. World's longest river

47. Commanded to go faster

49. Cabs

56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character

57. Document signed (abbr.)

School Committee elects Mark Brophy chair

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Following the last of the five member town elections in Hubbardston, the Quabbin Regional School Committee elected Mark Brophy, the new chairman.

QRSD Superintendent Sheila Muir said the School Committee was down two members from Hubbardston. She said the two remaining School Committee members from Hubbardston, Mark Wigler and Debra Chamberlain, would meet with the Hubbardston SelectBoard to appoint two members until the next town election in June 2022. School Committee member, Mark Wigler, said the town clerk reported a number of vacancies after the town election June 8.

Superintendents report

Muir said she was appointed regional representative to the Rural School Commission, a state commission and was one of two superintendents on the commission. She said the commission met for the first time May 6 due to COVID-19. On June 2, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education finance team and reviewed fiscal report in rural schools. She said the commission would be meeting monthly and wrap up by December.

The superintendent said the elevator at the New Braintree Grade School failed inspection and received a 90-day extension to fix the elevator. The elevator needed a new controller with a cost of over \$50,000. She talked with the New Braintree Board of Selectmen and they would be putting an article on the annual town meeting warrant. The school district planned to have students in the New Braintree school for the next school year.

Superintendent Muir said end of school transitions were held for fifth graders going into sixth grade and for sixth graders to seventh grade. Step up day for eighth graders to ninth grade would be held later in the summer.

She said 145 students graduated from the high school June 4 and said it “was a wonderful celebration.” Muir said several years ago the committee supported an alternative high school program for students at risk of not graduating. She said this year three of those students graduated June 4 and three more alternative students would graduate next week. She said the “program was a huge success and thanked the School Committee for their support.” The superintendent said the school had some dropouts this year and staff was going to interview those students to find out what it could have done to keep them in school.

She invited School Committee

members to the honoring of retirees on June 17. Muir said Susanne Musnicki, co-principal of Ruggles Lane Elementary School, would be retiring at the end of the school year after 50 years as an employee of the school district. The superintendent said, “She is leaving big shoes to fill and has taught me very much.”

Director of Administrative Services

The School Committee approved the request of Cheryl Duval, director of administrative services, to authorize to make transfers to close out the fiscal year and to authorize the treasurer with the permission of the School Committee chair to borrow in anticipation of revenue. Duval said for many years the district had to borrow money, but since the state now sends monthly Chapter 90 money it hasn’t happened in years.

Food service update

Duval said the federal government will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch meals next school year 2021-2022. She said to date the school distributed 518,000 meals to the community. Previously, the number was 196,000.

Duval recognized the meal service director for using excess funds generated due to COVID to purchase combi ovens, a new service

line at the middle high school and warming units. Duval said students would be in the cafeteria eating for the 2021-2022 school year. Duval said the food service got a vehicle to transport food from Hardwick to Oakham and next year to New Braintree as well.

Flag garden video

The district shared a video of Ruggles Lane School students planting a flag garden on Barre North Common. Each student planted two flags. Musnicki said it was a “wonderful experience for them and us.” Muir said she hoped it “would be a lasting tradition.”

Other business

The superintendent said the district was one of 13 schools, which filed an application for a virtual school. She said the virtual school would not allow school choice students to participate. On recommendation of the superintendent, the School Committee voted to not continue with the application for the virtual school and instead would complete an application for a single district virtual school, which would allow school choice students to participate. She said the district had 57 students, who desire the virtual learning option for next year. She said some students learn better virtually and some have health issues.

MSCPA names Julie Quink to board of directors

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants announced Julie Quink, CPA, CFE, was elected to the board of directors for its 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Quink, a Hardwick resident, is managing principal at Burkhart, Pizzanelli, PC, where she is responsible for attestation practices, including performing and supervising engagements. Burkhart, Pizzanelli, PC is committed to partnering with their clients, the community and team members to impact the world and achieve success.

The MSCPA board of directors is a group of 19 elected members that sets policies, manages programs and oversees activities that benefit the 11,000-member organization and accounting profession in Massachusetts.

“The MSCPA’s board of directors are a remarkable, diverse group of individuals who play a vital role in shaping the priorities of the Society and truly want to better the profession,” said Amy Pitter, president and CEO of the MSCPA. “I am thrilled to have Julie on the board and look forward to seeing how her leadership will continue to benefit the society, community and the profession in the year ahead.”

With over 30 years of experience in public accounting and three years of private, corporate accounting experience, Quink performs and consults on fraud and forensic engagements. In addition,



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Julie Quink

she is involved in the accounting and consulting aspects of the practice and manages engagements of various sizes and complexity. She also performs services relative to forensic and fraud-related engagements.

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Monson Savings Bank promotes Joseph E. Marek

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank has announced the recent promotion of Joseph E. Marek to junior mortgage loan originator. He will be based out of the bank’s Loan & Operations Center at 75 Post Office Park in Wilbraham and will travel to provide convenience to customers looking to obtain home financing.

“We are always happy to see our employees grow with us, and likewise, we are incredibly pleased to see Joe flourish in the Residential Loan Department here at Monson Savings,” said Dan Moriarty, president and CEO of Monson Savings Bank. “Joe has offered our borrowers with outstanding service during his tenure with the bank, helping them to achieve their financial goals and personal dreams. I



Joseph Marek

am confident in his continued performance and the benefits he will bring to our customers in his new

position as a mortgage loan originator.”

Marek resides in Palmer with his family. In his new role as junior mortgage loan originator, Marek is responsible for assisting Monson Savings Bank customers in finding the best mortgage loan products that will allow them to reach their home financing goals.

Marek began his career in the banking industry with Monson Savings Bank in 2019. He started as a part-time receptionist at the Loan and Operations Center. He quickly showed his commitment to the bank’s customers and proved to be a valuable team member. Soon after he was promoted taking on the role as a loan assistant and prior to his most recent promotion he worked as a loan processor for

Monson Savings Bank.

Additionally, Marek is finishing up his bachelor’s degree in finance with a minor in marketing at Southern New Hampshire University. After graduation, he plans to continue his education and pursue a master’s degree in finance.

“Being a part of the Monson Savings Bank family has been a dream come true for me. I have always known that I wanted to work in banking and that I wanted to work at a bank where I could be ‘someone,’ not just ‘another one.’ I have been welcomed with open arms from day one and have been given every opportunity to excel in my career here,” said Marek. “I am thrilled to be starting this next chapter in my career and I am eager to continue to grow with the bank.”

Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation hosts barn cat photo contest

MARLBOROUGH – The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation will hold an inaugural barn cat photo contest.

The contest, sponsored by The Pet Food Institute, will award prizes for best dressed, best mouser, best cat napper, sassiest, most chonk and best overall feline. The deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 31.

“This contest is meant to bring awareness to the farm cat population in the Commonwealth,” said MFBF

President Mark Amato. “They support our farmers through rodent control and their aloof companionship. They have also become an iconic tradition for farms across the country with most farms supporting a small population of barn cats.”

A panel of MFBF members will serve as judges to determine winners in each category. There is room on the online submission for three photos, please be sure to submit a photo where the barn is shown in a

“working” capacity or barn setting. This contest is meant to honor barn cats, not house companions.

For farmers who are looking to adopt barn cats, here is a list of links to shelters with a barn cat adoption program:

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<https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/adoption/barn-cat-program/>
<https://www.dakinhumane.org/barn-cats.html>

<https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/animal-control/pages/barnworking-cat-program>
<https://www.catsontheweb.org/feralcaterescues.htm>

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process.

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instead of using the other taglines included in the branding project, such as “Somewhere Worth Living,” “Somewhere Worth Shopping,” “Somewhere Worth Dining.” Morrin said he wanted to make a motion preventing departments from using the “Somewhere Worth Seeing” tagline unless they receive permission from the board. SelectBoard Chairman Keith Kruckas said he did not think they could approve such a motion.

Chris Murphy, technology director for the WBCA, said he had posted an informal survey on Facebook asking people how they felt about the “Somewhere Worth Seeing” tagline. Murphy said, “A lot of people chimed in and said they hated it, but it wasn’t a formal survey.” As for the placement of the wayfinder signs, which some people felt did not showcase the best Ware has to offer, Murphy said MassDOT determined where signs could go as it is a state road. SelectBoard member Caitlin McCarthy said she likes the signs, but she wants to see more of the history of the town featured there.

WBCA member Carol Zins said she understands why people want the motto “the town that

can’t be liked” on the signs. Zins said she would love for large picture signs representing Ware’s history to be placed around town featuring that motto so people can understand the town’s history.

Town Planner Rebekah Cornell said Morrin attended a downtown planning meeting and expressed his dislike of the “Seeing” part of the tagline. Cornell said they have talked about making banners with different taglines to emphasize the areas of town they want to bring attention to, like stores, restaurants, and outdoor spaces. “Give us a chance to sell this marketing campaign,” she said.

Cornell asked to share a one-minute video illustrating how the different taglines could be used to promote Ware. The board declined to watch the video, which is available at <https://youtu.be/Ol8xmgE6Td>.

Shelley Regin, from Country Bank, said “Somewhere Worth Seeing” is just the anchor tagline. Regin said there will be brand confusion if they use “the town that can’t be liked,” “Somewhere Worth Seeing,” “Somewhere Worth Dining,” and other lines. Regin said, “a lot of time, money and effort when into this.”

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COVID update

Stephen Bell, the new health director for the Quabbin Health District, which consists of Ware and Belchertown, said Ware has been doing “relatively well,” and for the past few weeks’ cases have been going down. Last week was a slight spike of six positive cases, then their average is two a week. Bell said the town’s residents just hit 50% fully vaccinated as of June 10. “We’re doing okay, but we’re a little behind,” Bell said. He said they recently ran a vaccine clinic in the high school, where about 60 students and 10 walk-in adults attended. The BOH will also have a general clinic next Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the town hall. Walk-ins are welcome but preregistration is preferred.

Bell said the Delta Variant of COVID-10 is an area of concern as it is pretty infectious. The board asked Bell about his thoughts about the senior center. Bell said Ware is doing the same as Belchertown. They will have a soft opening and start with programming, no congregate dining. Bell said Ware was in the red a little bit longer than other locations, so they recommended opening a bit slower than other towns.

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Second Chance hosts ninth annual golf tournament

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services is hosting their ninth annual golf tournament to benefit programs helping pets in need Saturday, July 10, at Heritage Country Club in Charlton. The event will feature an 18-hole round of golf, luncheon, raffles, and a limited silent auction beginning online in advance and will accept final bids in person until lunch is served.

Development Director Lindsay Doray highlighted the importance of the charity tournament. “Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through programs aimed at keeping pets out of shelters and in their homes with the people they love, as well as providing refuge and hope to pets who find themselves homeless,” she said. “The funds raised by this event help make all these programs possible.”

Doray is grateful to “Chip Sponsors” Leicester Spine & Wellness, Herlihy Insurance

Group and all the other sponsors as of this time who are already showing their support for pets in our community. Sponsorships packages are still available in a variety of levels and more information can be found on the non-profit’s website.

Check in begins at 7 a.m. and the tournament tees off with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. in a scramble format with foursomes. If a golfer is lucky to make a hole-in-one on a designated hole, they can win a spa courtesy of Teddy Bear Pools. The tournament will be followed by a luncheon where prizes will be awarded to the tournament and challenge game winners.

A limited number of tickets remain, and golfers are encouraged to purchase their tickets soon. Golfers of all levels are welcome. For complete information including auction and golf tickets, visit www.secondchance-animals.org/events/golf.

North Brookfield Savings Bank awards \$10,000 in scholarships

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank has always been committed to improving the lives of community residents through various means, including the empowerment for all residents to excel through educational and growth opportunities. In line with their established core value to commit to excellence, North Brookfield Savings Bank provided a combined \$10,000 in scholarship commitments to support local 2021 high school graduates as they continue their path to excellence. The funds are intended to help graduating students offset the cost of attending college and help them to pursue their dreams of furthering their education.

Scholarship recipients were selected to receive the North Brookfield Savings Bank scholarship by each high school’s designated scholarship committee. They were chosen because of their exemplary commitment to excellence and proven dedication to their community, values that North Brookfield Savings Bank holds in high regard, and the bank’s employees embody every day.

North Brookfield Savings Bank proudly awarded scholarships totaling \$10,000 to these graduating students from local high schools in the Bank’s geographic area. The students receiving scholarships are:

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School: Owen Ostromecki

Belchertown High School: Benjamin Schrenzel

David Prouty High School: Serena Roberts

North Brookfield High School: Lily Smith

Palmer High School: Olivia Coughlin

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School: Makayla Davenport

Quabbin Regional High School: Mattison Albano

Quaboag Regional High School: Hannah Martin

Tantasqua Regional High School: Olivia Roy

Ware High School: Chelsea Orszulak

“The 2020-2021 school year has been a difficult for our local graduates, forcing them to miss pinnacle senior years moments and adapt to a new way of learning. To say we are impressed with their ability to adapt and overcome would be a grand understatement,” said Andrea Healy, chief administrative and human resource officer of North Brookfield Savings Bank. “We are extremely proud of the graduates for their strength in the face of a challenge and their resilience through this all. We are confident that these life-defining moments will only add to the already committed nature and good character of the 2021 graduating students. Their futures are bright and filled with promise. Congratulations, we are proud to have you as part of our great community.”

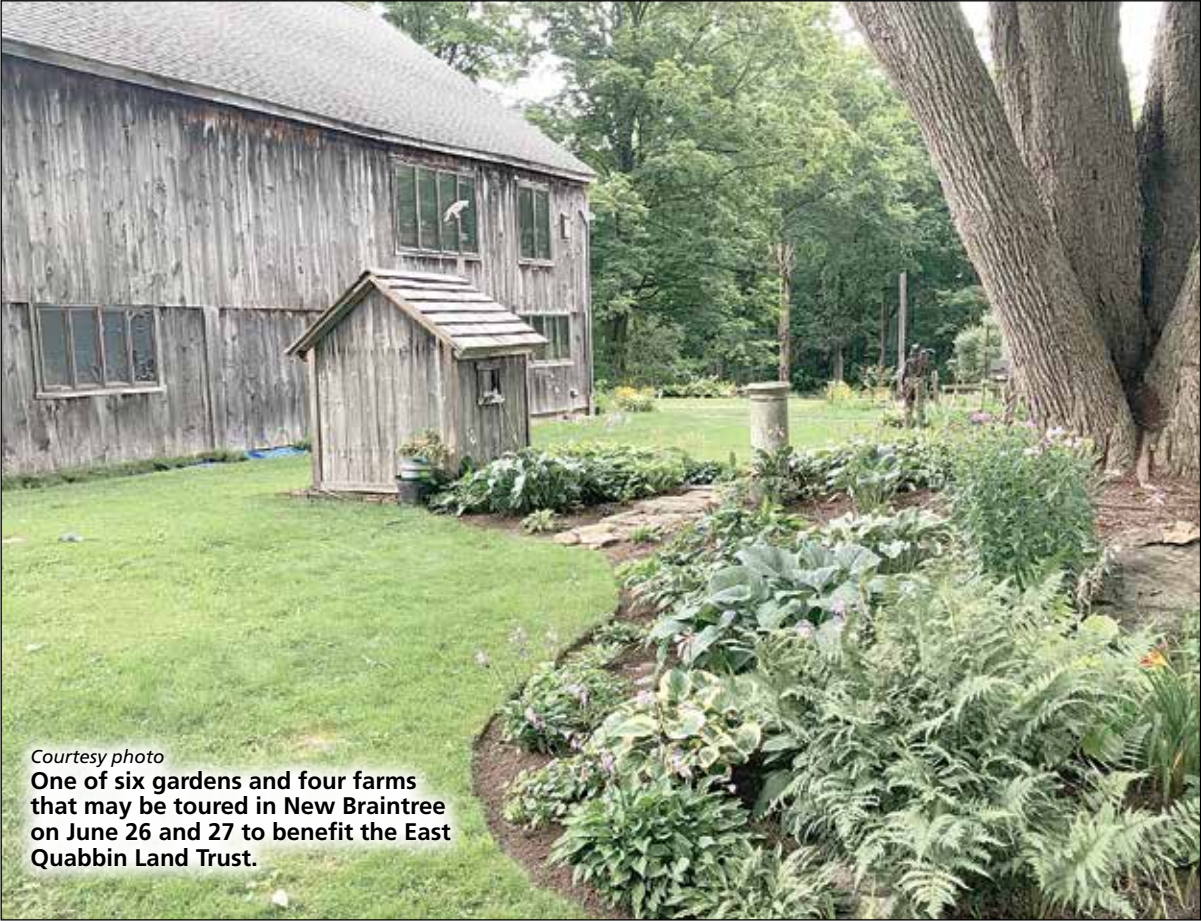
Quabbin Community Band to hold Father’s Day concert

BARRE – Dust off the lawn chairs and get ready to head to South Barre Common next Sunday, June 20, for 6 p.m., as the Quabbin Community Band celebrates Father’s Day with a long awaited outdoor concert at Nornay Park.

After careful consideration, the group will offer this stand alone program in the hopes to perform other concerts throughout the summer. In the years before COVID, Quabbin Community Band had a long standing tradition, performing a summer

Sunday concert series, originally held at the Harding Allen Bandstand in Barre Center and in more recent years, performing in South Barre.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of music for free, with donations graciously accepted. Unlike past years, this event does not have a rain location because of the current pandemic protocols. Please contact QCB Music Director and Conductor Peter Lewis at pbl8772@gmail.com with any questions.



Courtesy photo
One of six gardens and four farms that may be toured in New Braintree on June 26 and 27 to benefit the East Quabbin Land Trust.

New Braintree Garden Tour coming soon

The initial flurry of planting and weeding is done, and now there’s time to check out what others are doing in their gardens. Join fellow garden-lovers in exploring a variety of gardens in New Braintree as they travel along the beautiful country roads surrounded by farmland. The tour takes them to unique garden spaces across this central Massachusetts town.

“Garden tours are wonderful inspiration. The exposure to new plants, workable design ideas and like-minded gardeners is a wonderful way to spend a day outdoors,” said Deb Morrison, while

she weeded and primped her garden for visitors. “I look forward to seeing what my fellow gardeners have done with their spaces.” Whether you like water features, kitchen gardens, propagation beds or terraced gardens, there is something for everyone. Who knows what will be around the next corner. Come find out.

This tour highlights six gardens and four farms in New Braintree on June 26 and 27. The gardens are open between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. both days. Tickets can be purchased at <https://EQLT.org> at the ‘Benefit Garden Tour’ tab. Prices through June 21 are \$15 for indi-

viduals or \$30 for a family of two to five members. After June 21, the prices increase to \$20 for individuals or \$40 for a family. Tickets can be purchased during June 26 and 27 at the New Braintree Historical Society, 10 Utley Road.

Don’t forget to bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to eat in one of the host gardens. Garden tour proceeds benefit the programs of the East Quabbin Land Trust as it cares for the land that sustains the community. Also, plants may be available for purchase at one or more of the gardens. Call 413-477-8229 with additional questions.

Gobi amendment helps ensure popular food program continues

BOSTON — State Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) fought successfully for the inclusion of an amendment to the state’s fiscal 2022 budget during the Senate’s debate that would ensure the year-long operation of the popular Healthy Incentives Program operated by the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Launched in April 2017, the Healthy Incentives Program provides a 100% incentive – a dollar-for-dollar match – for each SNAP dollar spent on targeted fruits and vegetables purchased at farmers markets, farm stands, mobile markets, and Community Supported Agriculture programs statewide. By increasing access to locally grown fruits and vegetables for SNAP clients, the program benefits family and community health, and supports farms and the local economy.

Gobi is the co-chair of the Massachusetts Legislative Food Systems Caucus and

Country Bank hires Sam Ortiz

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Samuel Ortiz has joined their Commercial Lending Division.

Ortiz, who resides in West Springfield, has been in the commercial lending industry for 40 years. Ortiz is an experienced business development leader serving Western and Central Massachusetts. He earned an associate’s degree in business administration from Springfield Technical Community College and has attended various banking and financial programs throughout his career including The School of Finance and Management at Fairfield University. Ortiz is also a certified internal auditor.

Prior to joining Country Bank, Ortiz worked for Common Capital where he was responsible for all aspects of business loan operations. He also owned his own consulting firm where he provided small business loan underwriting, as a consultant, to the Western Massachusetts Enterprise Fund in Greenfield.

“I truly enjoy working with small and mid-sized businesses seeking opportunities to enhance and grow their businesses. Being proactive, creative and looking outside the box to identify opportunities in helping existing and new customers, brings me great satisfaction and pride” said Ortiz.

“Welcoming Sam to the Small Business Lending Team at Country Bank is very exciting for us; he has an extensive background working

Yoga in the park every Tuesday

WARE – It is with great pleasure that Trinity Episcopal Church in partnership with Donna Holden, of “Healthy Town Living,” will be having an hour-long yoga class in Grenville Park, on Church Street, at the bandstand every Tuesday, at 6 p.m., starting June 1

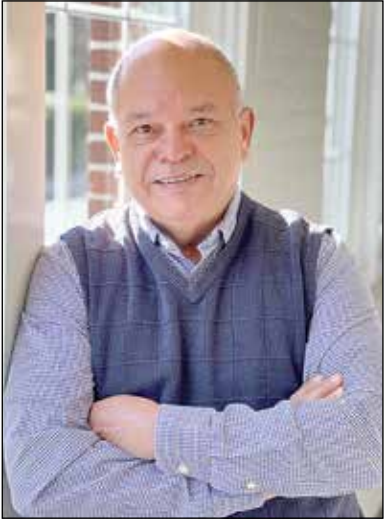
Donations to the instructor are welcome. The church is hoping for a good showing to continue through the summer, weather permitting. People should bring their own blanket or mat.

Host families needed

Families are needed to host international exchange students, ages 15 to 18, from a variety of eight countries. They are fully insured, bring their own spending money, all speak English and would attend the local high school for the academic year 2021-2022.

Host families are asked to provide a bed and meals. Host Families can be a single parent, those with very young children, who would enjoy a big brother or sister, those with middle school or high school age students or those where the children are grown and no longer live at home.

Perfect matches are made between the common interests of the host families and those of the student. An exchange student can share a room with another sibling. People may contact area coordinator Pat Darby, of Northwest Services PEACE Program Inc., at 978-632-8270 or email patdarby6@yahoo.com. People may visit the website at www.nw-services.com.



Sam Ortiz

with business owners to develop business plans, financing strategies and, in the process, building long term partnerships,” said Miriam Siegel, first senior vice president, human resources.

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Members of Ware Family Pack 520 stand in front of a table of American flags before they were retired.



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this year. In addition to the flag replacement at local cemeteries, a half dozen Boy Scouts had constructed and placed drop boxes at local banks and businesses. Through this effort, several hundred more flags were collected this year.

“This is one of my personal favorite events to attend,” said Liam Cloutier, Senior Patrol Leader. “And it is a very special way for the Boy Scouts to support our local veterans and the community at large.”

“We were concerned with the weather as the forecast kept changing,” said Post 123 Commander Peter Ligawiec. “But the weather held out and the evening turned out to be perfect for this annual event.”

The ceremony began with several members of Post 123 inspecting an American flag to be retired. This inspection would allow that single flag to represent all of the flags prepared for retirement. Once a Legion member receives approval from the Commander that the flag is proper and fit for retirement, that member marched the flag over to the retirement detail, led by Cloutier.

Taps was played as the sole flag was placed into the awaiting fire. After that point, the Commander deemed the inspection complete and instructed the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to retire the remaining flags into the fire. “Every year, we are amazed at how quickly the time moves as we are retiring the flags into the fire. This year was the first year we actually had five full tables of flags to retire. The fire becomes deep with ash and symbolic to all of the veterans present observing the ceremony. One veteran commented to me as he watched the flags go into the fire barrel, how he thought about the purpose and values of that American flag as he watched each one be retired by fire. Remembering friends and fellow servicepeople, how each had a commitment to our nation’s colors,” Flynn said..

“We would like to thank the community for all year long dropping off their flags to the American Legion Hall, and we hope they continue to do so for the upcoming year. Next June 14, 2022, we will be back here in the same spot again,” said Ligawiec.



Ware Family Pack 520 member Eileen Flynn presents an American flag that was retired Monday night during a flag retirement ceremony



Cubmaster Chris Boos gathers up American flags that need to be retired.



Veterans took part in the flag ceremony Monday.



A Ware Boy Scout stands at attention during the ceremony.



Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 participate in a flag retirement ceremony Monday at the American Legion.



The American Legion Post 123 and Ware Boy Scout Troop 281, with assistance from Ware Family Pack 520, retired over 5,000 American flags by fire this past Monday.

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Ware suffers sweep against Holyoke

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—The third time wasn't the charm for the Ware boys volleyball team.

After losing two road matches to Holyoke in a span of seven days in May, the Indians were looking to celebrate a home win versus the Purple Knights.

It wasn't one of the better performances of the season for the Indians, as the Purple Knights managed to sweep the regular season series with a 3-0 (24-19, 25-15, 25-18) victory inside the warm Ware High gymnasium last Tuesday afternoon.

"We normally play the same team only twice during the regular season, but it's been a little bit different this year because some of the other schools aren't playing volleyball. We also played Sci-Tech three times," said Holyoke head coach Paula Conway. "I told

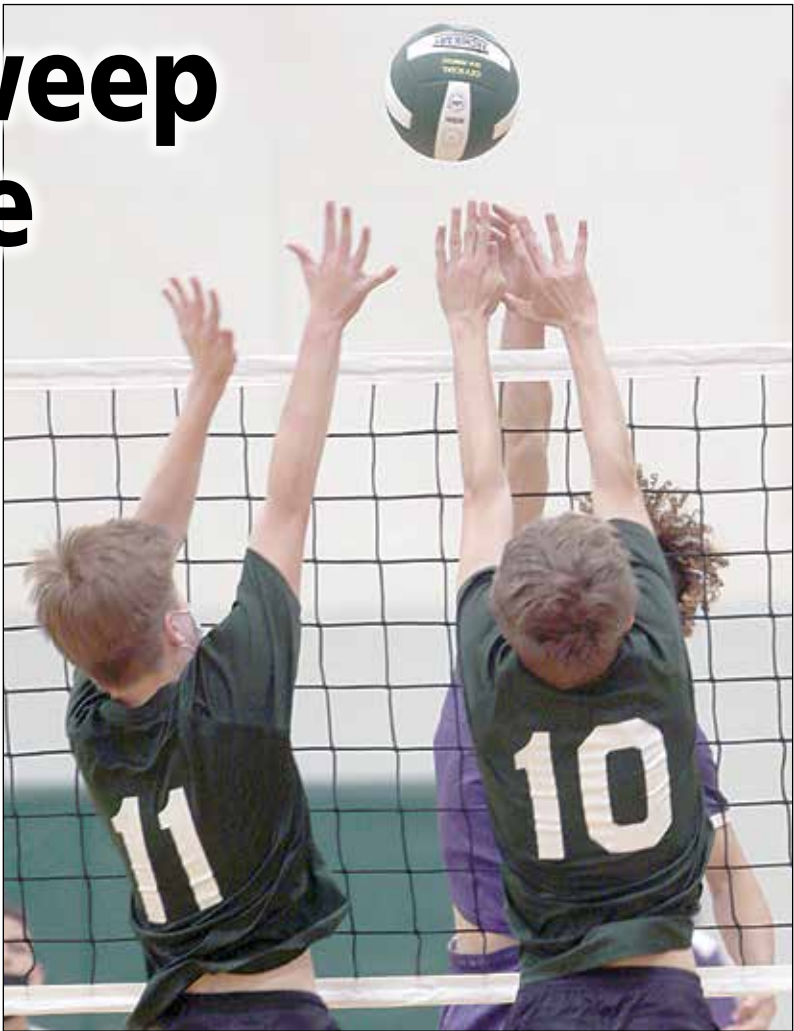
my players to just forget about what happened in our other two matches against Ware and only focus on today's match. It was a total team effort, and everyone played very well."

The Purple Knights, who also defeated Southwick, 3-1, in another road match the following afternoon, finished the regular season with a 9-2 overall record. Southwick, who won the first meeting of the regular season, and Sabis are the only two teams to defeat Holyoke.

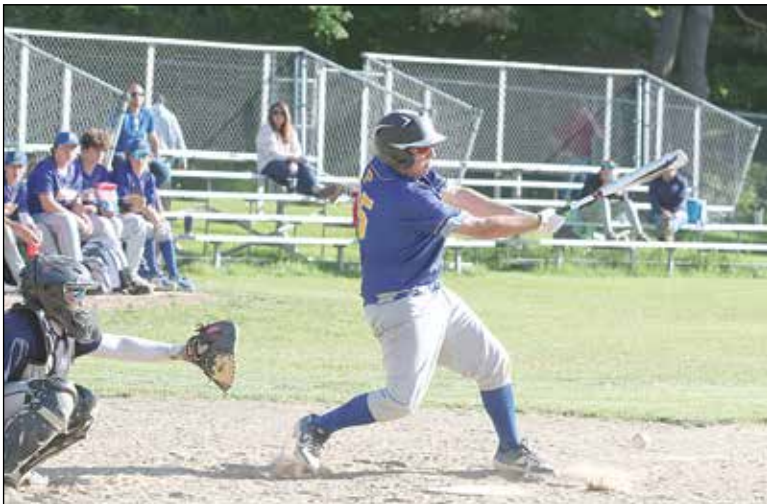
Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the boys volleyball teams in Western Massachusetts are eligible for this year's postseason tournament.

"I'm really not sure how we'll do in the postseason tournament this year," Conway said. "I'm also not sure how many teams will be playing in the tournament. It's a lot

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Chris Vadnais and Matthew Foran both attempt a block.
Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Colby Kokosa swings and hits a ground ball to third.

PATHFINDER SEASON NEARS CONCLUSION

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional baseball team continues to near its end. The Pioneers have had a tough season, struggling to score runs and pick up wins. The Pioneers hoped to end their season on a positive note when they faced Smith Vocational on Tuesday, June 15 at 4 p.m.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

RIGHT: Jordan Talbot pitches for the Pioneers.



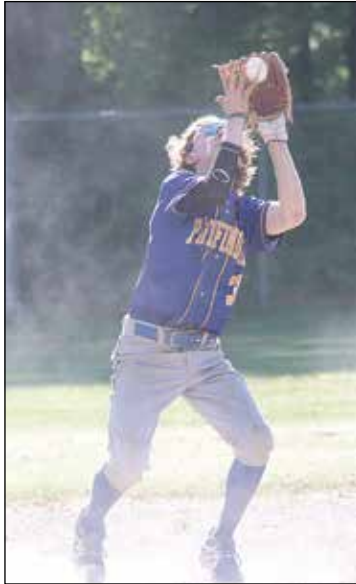
Jack Tweedie sets up a play from the back line.



Myles McGrail tries to evade a blocker with a spike.



Michael Polack goes for a spike.



Thomas Swift makes a catch on a pop-up.



Jeremy Bouthiller makes a throw over to first base.



Cameron Zoto gets the out at first base.

Kimball, Robie split modified twinbill at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Matt Kimball and Brian Robie split a pair of NHSTRA Modified Quest For The Cup 35-lappers Saturday, June 12, at Monadnock Speedway, but it was the massive round-one wreck that fans will remember.

The Mod Squad took the green 25-cars strong. Matt Kimball led early, with defending Series champ Brian Robie then taking

charge before pitting out of the lead on lap ten.

With Kimball, Todd Patnode, and Trevor Bleau racing under a blanket on lap 25, all hell broke loose. Patnode, with a nudge, broke loose out of turn two and shot across the track, triggering a 12-car pile-up. When the dust had settled eight cars were done for the night.

Kimball held strong the rest of

the way, sailing under the checkers ahead of Tyler Leary and Cory Plummer to win round one. Patnode, able to pit for repairs, rocketed back to fourth, Cam Sontag in fifth while Robie was dead last in 25th. But he wasn't throwing in the towel.

Scott MacMichael, aboard the Cirillo 7, set a fast pace for the first 11 laps of the nightcap, with Kimball – gunning for a twin-bill sweep – then taking charge. Robie, though, was on a mission to salvage his night.

Strong-arming his way to the front – he'd lost his power steering on lap 15 – the Sunapee star blasted to the round-two victory. Geoff Rollins and Patnode – both victims of the first-35 big one – completed the top three. Cameron Sontag, quietly staying out of trouble all night, put together two top-fives.

Chase Curtis scored his first

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Submitted photo
Matt Kimball had a win in the NHSTRA event at Monadnock Speedy last weekend.

Lindley wins pair of events at districts

As a team, Quabbin boys track won the district meet

BARRE – The breadth and the depth of Quabbin's varsity boys track and field team were on full display last Saturday as the team won the District Championship Meet for the third time in three years. The Panthers racked up 141 points to beat a field of 13 teams. Littleton finished second with 106 points, while Tyngsborough and North Middlesex tied for third with 55 points.

In the field, Owen Faulha led the scoring, winning the shot put and javelin. Shea Skowrya finished first in the discus and second in the shot put. Lars Jenkins finished first in the pole vault and fourth in the high jump. Picking up seconds in their events were

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Submitted photo
Shea Lindley won the 800m at the District Championship last Saturday with his 2:01.4 performance and later anchored Quabbin's 4x400 meter team to gold.

Mutiny pick up another tie

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The good news is the New England Mutiny have not suffered a loss in any of their four regular season matches. The bad news is the Mutiny players have only celebrated one victory so far this season. Three of their four matches have ended in 2-2 draws including their June 5 contest against the New Jersey Copa FC which was played before a good size gathering at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It doesn't really feel like a tie, it feels more like a loss," said Mutiny head coach Jeb Booth. "We just didn't play as well as we're capable of tonight. We didn't have the same type of energy or the

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Blue Sox improve 6-3 with win

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox (6-3) of the NECBL took on the Ocean State Waves (2-6) in their eighth game of the season at MacKenzie Stadium on Sunday night. The Blue Sox pulled through for the win by a score of 4-3.

The game began at 5:05 p.m., with the presenting sponsor, Cindy’s Drive-In, providing kiddie cups of their ice cream to the first 250 fans through the gates at MacKenzie Stadium for the ‘Sundae’s on a Sunday!’ promotion.

Blue Sox fans enjoyed their ice cream during the beautiful night, where Grant Kipp of Yale University dominated on the mound for the first couple of innings, which went scoreless.

“I’m really happy with this turnout,” Said Kipp. “From not playing in the Ivy League this season, it was really nice to get back out there and show what I can do.” The Ivy League Council of Presidents decided not to hold league compe-

tion or host league championships this past spring, which included baseball, so this summer season has been the first time post-pandemic in which Kipp and the other Ivy League players have competed.

In the bottom of the fifth, Garrett Shultz of Xavier University had two RBI’s, bringing Luke Franzoni (Xavier) and Mason LaPlante (Yale) home to raise the score to 2-0.

The Waves responded quickly with two runs of their own off of an Albert Choi (New Jersey Institute of Technology) hit that went past the fences at MacKenzie Stadium to tie the game at 2-2.

The Waves pulled ahead in the top of the seventh, scoring a run to bring the game to 3-2.

Valley’s offensive push began with a Cole Andrews (Miami) at-bat, the Blue Sox’ catcher who, on Friday, hit a walk off home run to win the game against the Martha’s Vineyard Sharks from behind by a score of 5-4. On

Sunday, Andrews sent one high into center field, and got lucky, staying on first base when a Waves outfielder had trouble fielding the ball. LaPlante then made it to first, which advanced Andrews to second. Then, Shultz sent a highball way out near the fence, which gave Andrews and LaPlante just enough time to run home, making the score 4-3, and tallying Shultz’ RBI total at 3.

The rest of the game went scoreless, with the Blue Sox successfully holding onto their lead in the highest attendance game of the 2021 season so far for the Blue Sox.

Whether it was the free ice cream, or the great play, the result of this game made Head Coach Hez Randolph think that he “is doing something right.”

“Winning a close one like this makes me feel good, as nervous as I get, because this is my first year doing this. It’s a good feeling.” He continued.



Cat Barry dribbles up the field.



Lily Fabin tries to settle the ball.



Hope Santaniello picks up a pass and move up the field.

Ugalde named new WMA girls ice hockey coach

WILBRAHAM – Following a national search, Wilbraham & Monson Academy has named former prep and collegiate standout Sara Ugalde as Head Coach of its inaugural Girls’ Ice Hockey team. Ugalde will take the helm of the program beginning July 1.

“We are extremely excited to have Sara Ugalde joining WMA to launch our girls hockey program,” Head of School Brian P. Easler said. “We feel incredibly fortunate to have found Sara. With her depth of playing and coaching experience in youth leagues, prep school hockey, collegiate and professional hockey, combined with her passion to build this program

and grow the sport for girls, we look forward to Sara’s impact as the Founding Head Coach of this new program for female WMA scholar-athletes.”

A Hockey MVP as a player at Westminster School, Ugalde helped lead Middlebury College to NESCAC Championships in 2011 and 2012. Her experience with collegiate hockey coaching includes Assistant Women’s Ice Hockey Coach at Trinity College, Williams College and Colby College. She was Director and Coach of the CT Junior Rangers and Assistant Coach for the NWHL Connecticut Whale, and has helped run multiple hockey

campus throughout the country.

“I am extremely excited to join the Wilbraham & Monson Academy community,” Ugalde said. “I am thankful and honored for the opportunity to build the Girls Hockey Program. Throughout the entire interview process I was moved by the unified vision and support displayed by members of WMA. After years working at the collegiate level, I am delighted to rejoin the prep school sphere. I am looking forward to finding players that add to the already established excellence at WMA and helping them reach their athletic aspirations.”

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Late Model Sportsman feature win Saturday, coming from row four to take the lead on lap 19 and then hold off his dad, Chris Curtis, to top the night’s 25-lapper.

Cole Littlewood led the first seven go-rounds, then giving way to Austin Brehio, who stayed on the point until Curtis took charge. Brehio’s bronze finish enabled him to pull even with Cam Curtis atop the LMS points parade.

What a show the Street Stockers put on. Bumps, shoves, rubs and wobbles lap after lap, but never a caution.

Kenny Thompson led the first 17 circuits, with Tim Wenzel then taking over and bringing brother Nate with him. Holding the point the last eight laps, Wenzel was strong in scoring his first win of the season. Brother Nate and three-time 2021 winner Chris Buffone joined him in trophy row.

Fitzwilliam Flyer Gordon Farnum stormed to victory in the Mini Stock 25-lapper.

Taking the lead from Kevin Cormier on lap 19, Farnum pad-

ded his points lead with his fourth win of the summer. Cormier was strong in second, and Jeff Asselin came home third.

Fast Eddie Petruskevicious made easy work of winning the Young Guns feature for the second week in a row. Heat race winner Teagan Edson was the runner-up again, with Eddie Gomarlo strong in third.

Connor Souza appeared to have won the Exit One Realty Pro Truck Series 55-lapper, but series officials ruled that he’d jumped a late-race restart, awarding Saturday’s victory to Lucas Leone. Girard Giordano was second, and Randy Burr third.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, June 19, with the Teddy Bear Pools Street Stock 50-lapper lost to rain a few weeks back leading a full card of NHSTRA racing.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY JUNE 12 TOP TENS:

QUEST FOR THE CUP MOD 35-1: Matt Kimball (Bennington, NH), Tyler Leary, Cory Plummer, Todd Patnode,

Cameron Sontag, George Helliwell, Kimmy Rivet, Andrew Martell, Scott MacMichael, Dave Salzarulo

QUEST FOR THE CUP MOD 35-2: Brian Robie (Sunapee, NH), Geoff Rollins, Todd Patnode, Matt Kimball, Cameron Sontag, Kimmy Rivet, Kirk Alexander, Mike Smith, Cory Plummer, George Helliwell.

L A T E M O D E L SPORTSMAN: Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA) Chris Curtis, Austin Brehio, Cole Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Cam Curtis, Dan Comeau, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Jaret Curtis, Robert Hagar

STREET STOCK: Tim Wenzel (Holyoke, MA), Nate Wenzel, Chris Buffone, Rupert Thompson, Jason Kozacka, Hillary Renaud, Paul Smith, Keith Johnson, Chris Lindquist, Scott Wade.

MINI STOCK: Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) , Kevin Cormier, Jess Asselin, Louie Maher, Tim LeBlanc, Kevin McKnight, Haydon Grenier, Josh Hubbard, Pat Houle, Jake Puchalski.

YOUNG GUN: Eddie Petruskevicious, Teagan Edson, Eddie Gomarlo, Leilei Daniels, Dominick Stafford.

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focus. We just didn’t play our style.”

In order to clinch a berth in the United Women’s Soccer playoffs, the Mutiny (1-0-3) will need to finish the regular season in the top four spots of the East Conference standings.

The Mutiny’s only victory so far this season was a 6-1 home victory over the CT Rush on May 22.

They’re scheduled to play back-to-back road matches this weekend against the other two United Women’s Soccer clubs from Massachusetts. The road trip begins with a match-up against the Scorpions SC, who play their home matches at Medway High School, on Friday night. Then they’ll be battling the Worcester Smiles at Doyle Field in Leominster the following night.

“We really need to win both of our matches next weekend. I would be disappointed with anything less than that,” Booth said. “We have so many ties and we need to start stringing together some victories.”

Mutiny forward Hope Santaniello graduated from Agawam High School a couple of hours before the start of last Saturday’s home match. Santaniello, who’ll be a freshman member of the U.R.I. women’s soccer team in the fall, played a key role for the Mutiny during the 2019 season, which ended in the East Conference finals.

The Copa (2-1-1) took a 1-0 lead during the 22nd minute of the first half.

The goal was scored by Kelly Severini, who received a crossing pass from Melanie Cunha before lining a shot into the upper left corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Maddie Murphy.

The Mutiny tied the score at 1-1 six minutes later when forward Lauren Berman was taken down in the box by a Copa player and was awarded a PK by the referee. Berman, who played college soccer at Boston College and is currently an assistant coach for the Harvard women’s soccer team, fired a low shot into the back of the net past Copa goalie Isabella Castagnetti.

Berman, who’s a first-year Mutiny player, also contributed on the go-ahead goal during the 42nd minute. She sent a crossing pass into the box from the right sideline and center forward Catherine Barry



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Lauren Berman of South Hadley gets ready to shoot.

headed it into the left corner of the net past the goalie.

Barry, who recently completed her freshman season as a member of the University of South Carolina women’s soccer team, scored her fifth goal in just three games with the Mutiny.

“Cat has been a great addition and we love having her on our team this year,” Booth said. “She’s a very strong soccer player and plays the game with a lot of confidence. She’s our leading goal scorer.”

Barry, who’s from Hingham, recorded a hat-trick in her first match as a member of the Mutiny versus the Rush. She watched Berman play soccer at B.C. and she’s one of her role models.

“I’ve been looking up to Lauren Berman since she played soccer at Boston College,” Barry said. “She’s a great player and it has been so much fun getting the opportunity to play with her the past couple of weeks. It’s also an honor to represent a club that has a great history like the New England Mutiny.

Berman played professional soccer in Europe which is something that Barry and the other younger Mutiny player are inspiring to do in the future.

A current member of the B.C. women’s soccer team on this year’s Mutiny roster is Laura Gouvin, who’s from Monson.

Barry, who graduated from Tabor Academy, was a two-time Massachusetts Girls Gatorade Player of the Year. She described her go-ahead goal.

I saw that Lauren was going to cross the ball to me, so I created a little bit of space,” said Barry, who was also a starting center forward for the Gamecocks. “Then I just headed it into the net, which gave us a 2-1 lead. It was very exciting, especially doing it in front of the home crowd.”

Murphy made a couple of outstanding saves in the second half, which helped the Mutiny hold onto the slim 2-1 lead until the 71st minute. That’s when a Copa player was fouled in the box and Cunha blasted the PK into the upper right corner.

The home team did have a chance to retake the lead again, but a shot attempted was cleared away by a Copa defender on the goal-line.

Trystin Burger, who’s from Granby, replaced Lily Fabian, who’s from Monson, with about five minutes remaining in the match.

The Mutiny are hoping to celebrate a couple of victories before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium against the Syracuse DA on June 19.

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different than it has been in the past because of the Corona Virus. We’re just happy to be playing volleyball this year.”

The Holyoke seniors, who’ll be playing in their final postseason tournament, are Nathan Bowie, Edison Escobar, Julian Gutierrez and Lewis Torres.

The Indians, who entered the final week of the regular season with a 6-7 record, will also be playing in the postseason tournament.

“My players missed an entire season and they’re glad to be back playing again this year,” said Ware head coach Steve Jarvis. “We just didn’t play very well in today’s match.”

The seniors listed on the Indians

roster are Vinny Chiaravalle, Jack Tweedie, and Myles McGrail.

“The seniors are our leaders, and I can’t say enough good things about them. They work hard,” Jarvis said. “Jack and Myles have been playing for this team since they were in the seventh grade. Vinny joined the team in the eighth grade.”

The opening set of last Tuesday’s match was very close.

The Purple Knights held a slim lead until an ace by Ware junior Douglas Mulligan tied the score for the second time at 15-15. The score was tied a couple of more times before the Purple Knights closed out the game with an 6-0 run.

“Runs are extremely important in volleyball,” Conway said. “The run we had at the end of the first

set gave us some momentum.”


Junior Jairam Rodriguez handled the serving duties for the visiting team during that span. Freshman Jeduar Colon had a block and a kill.

The score of the second set was tied 7-7 before Holyoke took control with a 4-0 spurt with Jeduar Colon doing the serving.

A pair of aces by Gutierrez gave the Purple Knights a 19-12 advantage. After Ware won the next two points, Holyoke sealed the second set with a 6-1 run.

The Purple Knights held a 21-9 lead in the third set before the Indians closed the gap with a 9-3 run.

The home team sliced the deficit to 24-18 before the visitors won the final point of the match.



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obituaries

Michael Joseph Mieltowski

NORTHAMPTON – Michael Joseph Mieltowski, 56, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on June 7, 2021, at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. Son of the late John and Santa (Mastronardo) Mieltowski, he was born in Worcester on July 6, 1964.

He grew up in the Barre, Ware and Gilbertville areas. Michael was a high school graduate of the Quabbin Regional School District in 1982. Michael began working after high school at McDonald's in Ware. At times he worked several jobs at once, including at Ames in Palmer, Palmer Sunoco and Cumberland's. Michael became a bus driver (his ultimate job) in his early work years starting with Palmer Motor Coach. He also worked at Laidlaw, FM Kuzmeskus and was presently employed by Swift River/FM Merrifield Company.

He loved his kids and there are many occasions at a restaurant or other locations that teens or adults would remember him as their bus driver, probably because of the Friday treats or last day of school pizza. "You drove me to high school or kindergarten" was often



said to him in later years. Michael and Brian also did foster care for 12 years. He clothed, advocated at school and treated each child as his own.

Michael loved helping people and no challenge was too great for him. We will all miss his ability to listen and solve problems for people. If it was a sad time such as a death or sickness, Michael showed you with his cards and maybe a visit and an apple pie. Any time people did things for him there was often many "thank you's" from him. "No rush "was a favorite line. At McDonald's he would often say "pay the car behind," especially if the occupants were elderly, first responders or someone in need.

He loved to cook especially Polish food. Thanksgiving could see up to 30 people at the table to cook for and anyone was welcome. When cooking he was in his glory. He also loved the "all you could eat salad and bread sticks" at Olive Garden. He loved rides especially to Cape Cod and Dowes Beach in Osterville. His favorite spot in the Quabbin was at Hank's Meadow where he could sit for hours talking under the big oak tree. He loved sitting on the front porch on a rainy day listening to the rain fall.

His great niece, Brianna, was

a special love of his. Michael will be dearly missed by all who knew him, including his loving partner of 22 years, Brian Winslow; his brothers, Paul Mieltowski, of Ware, and John Mieltowski Jr., and his wife, Deline, of Palmer; Michael will also be missed by his niece, Theresa Beynor, and her husband, Derek; his nephew, Kenneth Mieltowski, and his partner, Samantha, and his great niece, Brianna Beynor. A special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and the staff at Cooley Dickinson Hospital as well as Dr. Yang and the nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center in Danvers. We would also like to thank the management and employees of the Swift River/FM Merrifield Company for all their support.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at the Quabbin Reservoir, off Route 9 at Hank's Meadow, on June 26, at noon, rain or shine. Bring a chair or blanket and share your stories and memories. I am sure he will be there in some form under the oak tree with us.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Thomas J O'Conner Animal Shelter & Adoption Center in Springfield.

To leave a memory or condolence, please visit www.beersand-story.com.

Diane P. Swett

GILBERTVILLE – Diane P. (Dorman) Swett, 86, of Gilbertville died on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.



She leaves her two sons, James D. Swett, and his wife, Nancy, of Hardwick, and Mark J. Swett, and wife, Doreen, of Ware; her daughter, Jennifer L. Taylor, of St. Louis, Missouri; five grandchildren, Eric Swett, Alyssa Chaves, Christopher Swett, Sean Swett and Jocelyn Taylor; two great-grandchildren, Charlotte Swett and Alyvia Swett, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, George Swett. She was the daughter of the late Richard "PIP" Dorman and Mary A. (Winksnaits) Dorman, and leaves her sister, Marlene Cacciola, and her brother, Richard Dorman, Jr., both of whom reside in California.

Diane owned and operated Miss Diane's beauty shop in Belchertown for many years, later working with her sons at Cluett's Appliance in Ware before her retirement. She spent time volunteering at Mary Lane Hospital, and as an active member at the Hardwick Council on Aging, taking up painting in her later years.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved golfing, vacationing, traveling and taking cruises. Diane was a very social and friendly lady, who could make a friend every

Death notices

Kierys, Janet E.

Died: May 20, 2021
Celebration of Life to be held at later date.

Mieltowski, Michael Joseph

Died: June 7, 2021
Celebration of Life June 26, noon
Quabbin Reservoir at Hank's Meadow

Swett, Diane P.

Died: June 9, 2021
Service to be held at convenience of the family

Zajk, Joseph C.

Died: June 5, 2021
Arrangements entrusted to
Ruffner-Wakelin Funeral Homes
& Crematory
Arizona

Zulkiewicz, Frederick John

Died: June 14, 2021
Graveside service, July 21, 10 a.m.
St. Mary's Cemetery
Ware

where she went. Her energy and smile will be missed.

A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville, MA, 01031 or to Friends of the Stone Church, P.O. Box 347, Main Street, Gilbertville, MA, 01031 or friendsofthestonechurch.org

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauhf.com.

Frederick John Zulkiewicz



WARREN – Frederick John Zulkiewicz, age 91, passed away on Monday morning, June 14, 2021, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Fred was born in Ware on September 19, 1929, a son of the late Joseph and Katherine (Gill) Zulkiewicz. He was raised and educated in Ware, and graduated from high school in 1947.

Fred enlisted in the United States Air Force on Dec. 1, 1948, and faithfully served his country being honorably discharged on Sept. 2, 1952, with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was an aerial photographer in the Air Force during the



Korean War.

On Oct. 23, 1954, he entered into holy matrimony with Mary Flora Baker, in St. Mary's Church in Ware. Fred was employed for many years as a machinist for Cascades Diamond Inc. in Thorndike. He was a proud Korean War Air Force Veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Fred was pre-deceased by his beloved wife of almost 57 years, Mary Flora (Baker) Zulkiewicz, who passed away in 2011. Sadly, Fred was the last of Joseph and Katherine's children, having been pre-deceased by all of his siblings. Fred leaves behind

his children, son, Frederic J. Zulkiewicz, and his wife, Patricia, daughters, Lee-Ann Lovett, and her husband, James, and Jo-Ann Purcell, and her husband, Thomas. Fred also leaves behind his grandchildren; Mark Zulkiewicz, Eric Zulkiewicz, Kilee Purcell and Sean Purcell.

A military graveside service with Prayers of Committal will be held on Wednesday, July 21, at 10 a.m., in St. Mary's Cemetery (St. Adalbert Section). There are no calling hours. Cebula Funeral Home of Ware was entrusted with the final arrangements. For more information and online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneral-home.com.

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utes only, and to have the limit enforced.

The board approved changing the three parking spots directly in front of Warren Package Store and Fountain Insurance to 30-minute parking.

Sewer department

The board announced they have a new hire for the sewer department who is a grade 5 operator from town. They have agreed on pay, and he passed both his physical and criminal background check Dufresne said they are just waiting for him to say when he will start. He said they are still waiting to hear back from retired Chief Operator Shawn Romanski about accepting their offer to return to work.

Dufresne said the Water Department could soon be facing similar issues that the Sewer Department is dealing with, as they do not have any junior operators to step up into higher positions. Those in higher positions are nearing retirement. He said he would love to start a Department of Public Works, which would combine both water and sewer. He said the town is being fined by the Department of Environmental Protection because the Sewer Department does not have the required staffing to operate the wastewater treatment plant. The town is lacking licensed staff to treat the waste legally and safely with chlorine. SelectBoard Vice-Chairman Richard Eichacker said Palmer has agreed to send a licensed operator to treat the water to avoid additional issues with the DEP.

Dufresne said the Sewer Department needs at least four employees to operate and they only have one at the moment. He said the board has been working

with the sewer commissioners on a regular basis, and they are moving forward. He said the Finance Committee is helping them address pay scale issues.

Building repairs

Dufresne said the windows have been replaced at the police station, but the window company is still trying to find a metal piece needed to complete the project. They requested the piece in metal, but the company only has PVC in stock. They are trying to get metal in a medium bronze color, and it is hard to find metal right now. They will paint the wood around the window bronze to match the metal.

Dufresne said there is also a significant amount of poison ivy that needs to be removed from the back of the building.

Parks and Recreation

Dufresne announced that the Parks and Recreation will offering many programs this summer including swimming at Comins Pond, tennis at Quaboag Regional High School, multiple events at Dean Park and fireworks. The fireworks will be held at dusk on Aug. 28, with a concert beforehand from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Chapter 61A

Ellen Cheney said she is looking to remove three lots from Chapter 61A to sell them. Chapter 61A is an agricultural land classification that offers tax benefits to property owners. The board waived their right to first refusal.

Town administrator

Veliz said they have had about 10 applications for town administrator on Indeed.com. Board Secretary Karen Dusty said many of the applicants have been rejected because they have not met the requirements needed for the posi-

tion.

Town credit card

The board discussed having a town credit card for departments to use for such expenses as Zoom. Dufresne said Treasurer Dawn Swistak is working with Town Accountant Tammy Martin to look into a credit card. Dufresne said if they had a town credit card, employees could make these types of purchases and it would come out of that department's line-item budget.

The next meeting of the board is June 24.

Regionalization Committee

SelectBoard Clerk Derick Veliz was appointed to the Quaboag Regionalization Study Committee.

Surplus auction

Dufresne said he sent out an email to all town employees about hosting a town auction to get rid of surplus equipment. Dufresne said Jim Dusty volunteered to be auctioneer. He said he got some responses back and he hoped to hold it over the summer when the weather was good.

Copy machines

The board brought up that many department copiers will need to be replaced. Veliz suggested getting two or three proposals for service from different copier companies. They would probably need three to four copiers.

Juneteenth holiday

The board agreed to observe the Juneteenth holiday, which is June 19, on Monday, June 21.

Pole hearing

There will be a public hearing for a National Grid pole on July 8.

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Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: Worship service 10:30 a.m. (Communion offered first Sunday of each month)
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Wednesday: Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30 p.m.

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Mass Schedule:

4:00 PM Saturday - All Saints
5:15 PM Saturday - St. Mary's

8:00 AM Sunday - All Saints
9:30 AM Sunday - St. Mary's
5:15 PM Sunday - All Saints

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Monday and Tuesday 7:30 AM at All Saints
Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 AM at St. Mary's
First Friday 8:00 AM at All Saints
First Saturday 8:00 AM at St. Mary's

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

All Saints - Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM
St. Mary's - Saturday before the 5:15 PM Mass

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3 Oakham Rd., P.O. Box 202
New Braintree 508-867-3306

The Tri-Parish Community Church represents the communities of Gilbertville, Hardwick, and New Braintree. Our service will begin at 10:00. Bible Study begins on 9/13 at 8:15 am - 9:30am. Choir Rehearsals are at 9am and Sunday School returns on 9/13 at 10:00 am. We are worshipping at The First Universalist Church of Hardwick, 9 Ruggles Hill Rd. Hardwick through December.

All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 triparish@verizon.net.

Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor's office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. debashens@aol.com or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

The mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together as a church to alleviate suffering and to foster hope, love and the word of Jesus Christ among our family and neighbors here and throughout the world.

It's always good to have a variety of voices in the pulpit. Come, support our worship leaders and enjoy the earlier service.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

1082 Main Street, Warren, Tel. 436-7327
MASS SCHEDULE: Sundays 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH

2270 Main Street, West Warren
MASS SCHEDULE Saturdays 4 p.m.

QUABBIN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

43 Main Street, Ware, MA
Sunday Morning service: 10:30am – 11:30am
For more info James Chaisson
774-200-0542
Email: goodnews@quabbinvalleychurch.net
Website: www.quabbinvalleychurch.net

KINGDOM BUSINESS R.E.A.C.H

MINISTRIES
(Realistic Evangelistic Active Christian Hearts)

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Errol J. Estridge
58 Main St, Ware, MA Tel. 413-668-9981
email:thekingdombusiness.ware@verizon.net
Tues 6-7pm, Substance Recovery Ministry
Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm, Bible Study
Thursday 6:00-7:30 pm, Women Ministry

Friday 6:00-7:00 pm, Prayer Meeting
Saturday TBA, Men's Ministry
Sunday 10:30, Sunday Worship
C.H.A.N.C.E. Tutoring Ministry
(Children Having a Nurturing and Caring Environment)

September - May, After school, Monday - Thursday 4:00-6:00pm

UPPER ROOM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

18 Central St., West Warren, Tel. 436-7559
Joel Hickey, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship; Thursday: 7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

UNIVERSALIST-UNITARIAN

St. Paul's Church of Palmer
1060 Central St., Palmer, MA, 283-8185
Sunday: 10:00 am service followed by coffee hour. Children's Religious Education also at 10:00 am.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH

Sacred Heart Church 22 W. Main St., West Brookfield
& St. Mary Oratory 11 Lincoln St., Brookfield
508 867-6469
rectory@sacredheartwb.com
website: ourladyofthesacredheart.org

Mass Times:
M-Th 8:00am @ Sacred Heart
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm @ St. Mary
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am @ Sacred Heart
Holy Day Vigil 7:00pm @ St. Mary
Holy Day 9:00am @ St. Mary & 7:00pm @ Sacred Heart

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST BROOKFIELD, UCC

36 North Main Street,
West Brookfield, MA 01585
firstconglwestbrookfield@gmail.com
Church Phone: 508-867-7078
Rev. Dr. Ann M. Rogers Brigham, Pastor

Services: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning, Communion 1st Sunday of Month
Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry:
Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursday 7-8 p.m.

WARE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

56a Main St., Ware, Tel. 967-0211
Pastor Jim Van Etten, B.A.D.F.
Sunday: 11 a.m. worship service, nursery and children's church, 4 p.m. worship service
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Fellowship

WARE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Weekend Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Meeting

EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren, MA 01083
(413) 436-5582
Fr. Christopher Nerreau
www.emmanuelorthodox.org
Morning Matins Sundays 9:00am
Confession 2nd Sunday of the month 9:00am or by appointment
Holy Mass Sunday's 9:30am, Coffee hour following Mass
Free Community Meal: First Tuesday of the month. All are welcome

Ware River News

OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications

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One is a free, brief

Death Notice listing

the name of deceased,

date of death and

funeral date and place.

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\$100, which allows

families to publish

extended death notice

information of their

own choice and may

include a photograph.

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Paid Obituaries

should be

submitted through a

funeral home to:

obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.



I public safety

Ware Police Log

Monday, June 7 12:33 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered 11:17 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered 12:42 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered 12:54 p.m. Threat Report North Street – Services Rendered 1:29 p.m. Ambulance Request Juniper Hill Road – Services Rendered 1:58 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Services Rendered 2:19 p.m. Ambulance Request Longview Avenue – Services Rendered 2:53 p.m. Harassment Complaint Palmer Road – Services Rendered 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Church Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 5:48 p.m. Disturbance West Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge 6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident West Street – Area Searched Negative Find 8:05 p.m. Ambulance Request Cummings Road – Referred to Other Agency 8:07 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call East Street – Investigated, Report Filed 10:08 p.m. Harassment Complaint Westbrook Avenue – Services Rendered 11:30 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Palmer Road – Services Rendered	 North Street – Referred to Other Agency 12:04 p.m. Fraud Cottage Street – Services Rendered 7:32 p.m. Welfare Check Church Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Sarah E. Davies, 38, Hardwick OUI-Liquor or .08% 9:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Pleasant Street – Referred to Other Agency	 North Street – Arrest on Warrant 9:30 a.m. Harassment Complaint River Road – Services Rendered 5 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Referred to Other Agency 5:44 p.m. Vandalism Palmer Road – Investigation Pending 6:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Vigeant Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 8:17 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Church Street – Investigation Pending 11:52 p.m. Disturbance Palmer Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: David G. Hutchinson, 27, Gilbertville Assault and Battery; Disorderly Conduct; Resist Arrest Arrest: Joshua W. Dilley, 36, Ware Assault and Battery; Assault and Battery on Police Officer; Assault and Battery on Police Officer; Disorderly Conduct; Resist Arrest
Tuesday, June 8 9:37 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered 1:15 p.m. Trespassing Complaint Quarry Street – Services Rendered 4:37 p.m. Assault Main Street – Services Rendered 8:10 p.m. Ambulance Request Cottage Street – Services Rendered	Thursday, June 10 4:39 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Walnut Street – Services Rendered 9:20 a.m. Trespassing Complaint Bank Street – Advised Contact Police if Repeated 9:43 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered 2:38 p.m. Disorderly Conduct West Street – Investigation Pending 3:46 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report North Street – Services Rendered 7:14 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call East Street – Area Searched Negative Find 9:17 p.m. Assault Pulaski Street – Services Rendered	Sunday, June 13 1:11 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered 6:37 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered 10:05 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered 3:03 p.m. Vandalism Homecrest Avenue – Services Rendered 3:50 p.m. Accident, Motor Vehicle Upper Church Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 5:49 p.m. Ambulance Request Bacon Road – Services Rendered 11:30 p.m. Ambulance Request Upper Church Street – Referred to Other Agency
Wednesday, June 9 8:47 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report North Street – Services Rendered 8:54 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report	Friday, June 11 3:51 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered 6 a.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Services Rendered 11:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered 1 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered 6:04 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency 9:28 p.m. Disturbance Aspen Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Francis D. Noble, 31, Ware Disorderly Conduct 10:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Parker Street – Referred to Other Agency	Monday, June 14 4:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Vigeant Street – Referred to Other Agency 7:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
	Saturday, June 12 6:14 a.m. General Information	

Hardwick Police Log

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Monday, May 31 6:47 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Lower Road – Services Rendered 6:54 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Church Street – Services Rendered	Thursday, June 3 4:24 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Church Street – Served in Hand 6:40 p.m. 911 – Complaint Church Lane – Officer Handled 7:10 p.m. Phone – Vandalism Greenwich Road – Investigated	Sunday, June 6 7:46 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued 10:59 a.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Mechanic Street – Spoken To 11:57 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital 12:30 p.m. Phone – Fire, Brush Patrill Hollow Road – Extinguished
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PROGRAM from page 7

a former chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture who has seen firsthand the success that

HIP has had since its inception. “The support that this amendment and program receives here reflects the benefits that it offers to our state, local farms and families,” she said. “Every dollar spent stays

in the state. It goes back into the local economy, helping farmers protect their land and helping our citizens stay fit and able to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables over less healthy options with their SNAP dollars.”

Since its inception, 85,000 families have earned HIP incentives, purchasing \$19.5 million in local foods that directly benefited more than 200 farms in the state. More than 63,000 households used HIP in fiscal 2021, totaling more than \$5 million in incentives being put back into the area. Estimates show that each dollar spent results in an additional \$1.12 in local economic impact as farmers contribute back to the local economy.

With the amendment’s language having been included in both the House and Senate version of the budget passed this session, it will be passed into the final version being sent to Gov. Charlie Baker for consideration. For more information on the program, please visit mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-healthy-incentives-program-hip.

Harassment order not extended

BELCHERTOWN – Judge Bruce Melikian did not renew a civil emergency harassment order Ware resident Kim Mongeau had taken out against Keith Kruckas, a Ware resident and a Ware SelectBoard member, during a hearing in Eastern Hampshire District Court Monday morning.

The initial order was issued on May 31 on an emergency basis, after an incident between Mongeau’s fiancé, Russell Prouty, and Kruckas in the Big Y parking lot in Ware on May 29. The original order stated Kruckas must be remain 100 yards from her, but it was later reduced to five yards, according to the court.

Prouty had also applied for a harassment order but did not attend Monday’s hearing. Mongeau told the judge he is a truck driver and could not be present.

Mongeau said she has lived in Ware for the last 12 years and is a journalist in Ware. She said since she began questioning actions taken by SelectBoard members over the last few years, she believes

that has led Kruckas to harass her. She brought up an alleged incident a couple of years ago when she and former Fire Chief Thomas Coulombe were both in the town clerk’s office looking over documents after the Town Hall had closed. She said Kruckas said one person should be in the office at a time. Kruckas said he was sitting in a chair down the hall when Mongeau allegedly confronted him.

She also alleged that Kruckas had photographed her talking to Coulombe and posted comments on social media about her about a year or so ago. She also said everywhere she goes, Kruckas seems to be at the same place.

Mongeau also accused Kruckas of spying on her home and yard, which are on Pulaski Street, from the nearby Town Hall parking lot. Kruckas said he has not done so, and her home can’t really be seen from that parking lot.

The latest incident on March 29 did not involve Mongeau directly, but did involve her fiancé Russell Prouty, she said. On May

29, Prouty and Kruckas allegedly exchanged words in the Big Y parking lot in Ware, which Mongeau said led her to become more afraid for her safety. Kruckas told the judge he was shopping in Big Y and upon heading toward his truck Prouty began shouting at him. He kept heading toward his truck and Prouty followed along behind in his vehicle and parked behind Kruckas, he said. Kruckas said he headed straight home and called police to report the incident upon arriving home.

Melikian said there have to be three or more incidences that are driven by cruelty, hostility or revenge, and are intentionally done to strike fear into a person or intimidate them. Melikian said speech, or language could even be offensive, but not necessarily rise to the level of being considered as part of the basis of a harassment order.

He also pointed out the incident between Prouty and Kruckas did not involve Mongeau.

Warren Police Log

Sunday, May 30 5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 7:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 8:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 10:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning	 3:29 p.m. Parking Violation North Street – Citation Issued 5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning	
Monday, May 31 1:45 a.m. Seizures Main Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal 9:08 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Southbridge Road – Report Filed 5:42 p.m. Property Damage North Street – Officer Spoke to Party 6:15 p.m. Threats Main Street – Report Filed 7:21 p.m. Gunshots Main Street – Negative Contact	Wednesday, June 2 5:19 p.m. Breathing Difficulty River Street – Transported to Hospital	
Tuesday, June 1 4:42 a.m. Threats Dunham Road – Criminal Complaint Summons: Sean P. McDonnell, 43, Warren Threat to Commit Crime, To Wit Murder; Telephone Calls, Annoying (Texts); Harassment, Criminal 10:34 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Old West Warren Road – Transported to Hospital	Thursday, June 3 7:57 a.m. Fumes/Gas Leak Quaboag Street – Referred to Other Agency 7:58 a.m. Seizures Old West Brookfield Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal 12:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Warren Road – Citation Issued	
	Friday, June 4 5:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 6:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 1:29 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Comins Pond Road – Transported to Hospital 1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 3:20 p.m. Falls Spring Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal 10:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning	

New Braintree Police Log

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Readers, local merchants, institutions, municipalities, non-profit groups, and civic organizations are strongly encouraged to send us their hometown news and photos.

- Please send photo captions identifying all subjects in your image(s) from left to right. We need first and last name, hometown, title, if applicable, and a brief description of what subjects are doing in the photo.
- Email uncorrected, raw, RGB color digital photos at highest resolution directly off your camera, or sized at least 20 inches wide at 72 resolution, 10 inches wide at 200 resolution. They may be emailed as attachments to ekennedy@turley.com.
- Publicity chairpersons are encouraged to send in news about upcoming fund-raising or other calendar events at least three weeks before they take place.

We will respond to all email messages received.

If you don’t have e-mail, please mail these materials to:

80 Main Street, Ware MA 01082

The Library Loft

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public notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 36 Gould Road, Ware, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert W. Fontaine to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., said mortgage dated January 28, 2011, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, in Book 10469 at Page 170, and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, dated May 30, 2017 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12645, Page 85, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, dated April 20, 2017 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12622, Page 82, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be

sold at Public Auction on **June 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land, and buildings thereon, situate in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot No. 13 as shown in plan of lots recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 128, Page 78, more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHEASTERLY by Gould Road, 75 feet; NORTHEASTERLY by Lot No. 12, as shown on said plan, 170.12 feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Steven A. Subjek, 73.91 feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot No. 14, as shown on said plan, 170.55 feet. CONTAINING 12,675 feet more or less. SUBJECT TO a Common Scheme of Restrictions recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2491, Page 337. BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed of Ernest M. Shaw, Sr. and Susan D. Shaw recorded herewith in Book 9587, Page 339. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the

event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title, see deed dated August 25, 2008, and recorded in Book 9587 at Page 339 with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds. **TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. **Other terms to be announced at the sale.** BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 06/03, 06/10, 06/17/2021

LEGAL NOTICE In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of **Country Corners Storage & Realty**, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be sold for non-payment on **Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 10 a.m.** on the premises of **Country Corners Storage, 50 Greenwich Rd., Ware, MA (413)967-6095.** Matthew Peterson: Storage building 2 Unit 22 Jennifer Kent: Storage building 7 unit 17 Kennisha Hunt: Storage building 6 unit 3 John Orszulak: Building 7 unit 18 06/10, 06/17/2021 **Legal Notice FY2022 Fuel Bid Date Change** Legal Notice Town of Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2022 Invitation for Bids for Low sulfur diesel fuel, #2 heating fuel for public buildings, propane, heating equipment service specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive

bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on June 1, 2021 in the Hardwick Highway Barn 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, MA bids must be sealed and clearly marked **"HWY IFB – FY2022 Diesel, Heating, Propane"** and are due no later than **1:00 PM on June 30, 2021** in the Town of Hardwick Highway Barn, 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, or mail to PO Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. The contact person is Marty Gryszowka, Superintendent 413-477-6705 or highway@townof-hardwick.com. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. 06/17, 06/24/2021 **Legal Notice FY2022 Road Materials Bid Date Change** Legal Notice Town of Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2022 Invitation for Bids for Road Materials in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on June 1, 2021 in the Hardwick Highway

Barn 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, MA bids must be sealed and clearly marked **"HWY IFB – FY2022 Road Material"** and are due no later than **1:00 PM on June 28, 2021** in the Town of Hardwick Highway Barn, 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, or mail to PO Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. The contact person is Marty Gryszowka, Superintendent 413-477-6705 or highway@townof-hardwick.com. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. 06/17, 06/24/2021 **Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS21P0283EA Estate of: Robert S Turek Date of Death: 11/05/2012 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Cynthia**

Turek of Ware, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Cynthia Turek** of Ware, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **07/15/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. **UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)** A Personal Representa-

tive appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 11, 2021 **Michael J. Carey** Register of Probate 06/17/2021

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NOTICE OF TAKING MUST BE PUBLISHED OR SERVED, AND MUST ALSO BE POSTED IN TWO OR MORE PUBLIC AND CONVENIENT PLACES AND ON THE MASSACHUSETTS NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE (MASSPUBLICNOTICES.ORG) AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE ADVERTISED TIME OF TAKING. STATE TAX FORM 300. **POSTED: 6/17/2021 - 7/1/2021 GILBERTVILLE POST OFFICE AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HARDWICK OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES NOTICE OF TAX TAKING** TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on July 08, 2021, 9:00 o'clock AM., at 307 MAIN STREET; GILBERTVILLE, MA, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60; Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE TOWN OF HARDWICK the following parcels of land for non-payment, after demand, of the taxes due thereon hereinafter respectively specified, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date. Name of Owner(s) Year Assessed Amount of Tax/Unpaid 94 MAIN STREET, LLC 2021 \$1,362.08 C/O TIMOTHY GIBLIN DESCRIPTION: 5.00 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 94 Main Street as described in Book 59488 Page 227, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 55.0 Lot 19.0 ALLEN, KATHIANN 2021 \$1,173.96 DESCRIPTION: 1.23 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 13 Maple Street as described in Book 51608 Page 89, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 147.0 Lot 59.0 ASPEN STREET ROD & GUN CLUB 2021 \$64.03 DESCRIPTION: 40.03 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 0 Miner Road as described in Book 4270 Page 413, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 94.B Lot 7.0 BRADWAY, NICHOLE C 2021 \$707.15 DESCRIPTION: 0.50 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 38 North Street as described in Book 59955 Page 125, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 51.0 Lot 21.0 BRAZAUSKAS, JOSEPH & PAMELA 2021 \$1,107.39 DESCRIPTION: 13.707 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 0 Petersham Road as described in Book 10551 Page 153, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 15.0 Lot 1.B BRIGGS, STEPHEN A II 2021 \$8.90 & WENDEN DESCRIPTION: 17.211 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 0 North Road as described in Book 23361 Page 243, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 138.0 Lot 13.0 C & R DEVELOPMENT CORP 2019 \$25.46 DESCRIPTION: 1.394 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 0 Lower Road as described in Book 29246 Page 157, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 111.0 Lot 24.0 C & R DEVELOPMENT CORP 2020 \$107.07

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Book 20709 Page 278, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 147.0 Lot 51.0 LAVALLEE, ERIC G & BRENDA L 2021 \$1,170.84 DESCRIPTION: 0.09 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 68 Mechanic Street as described in Book 18201 Page 197, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 49.0 Lot 6.0 LINDSEY, TINA M 2021 \$285.24 DESCRIPTION: 0.17 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 44-46 Sullivan Avenue as described in Book 21447 Page 296, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 52.0 Lot 11.0 LUBELCZYK, EDWARD & JULIA 2021 \$26.74 DESCRIPTION: 17.00 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 0 Miner Road as described in Book 27281 Page 194, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 91.0 Lot 22.0 LUBELCZYK, EDWARD & JULIA 2021 \$3,757.90 DESCRIPTION: 76.00 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 236 Miner Road as described in Book 27281 Page 194, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 91.0 Lot 1.0 MARCOU, KENNETH S JR & ROUSSEAU-MARCOU, GERALDINE 2021 \$580.11 DESCRIPTION: 0.831 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 9 Upper Church Street as described in Book 33795 Page 32, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 52.0 Lot 21.0 MARCUS, DEAN 2021 \$42.82 DESCRIPTION: 1.574 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 0 Upper Church Street as described in Book 11768 Page 153, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 109.0 Lot 1.0 MARCUS, DEAN 2021 \$1,284.70 DESCRIPTION: 29.188 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 410-416 Upper Church Street & Upper Church Street as described in Book 12170 Page 230, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 109.0 Lot 14.0 NORK, DORIAN W 2021 \$14.71 DESCRIPTION: 1.25 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 0 Lucas Road as described in Book 15235 Page 187, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 38.0 Lot 5.0 PAOLUCCI, DOMINIC J 2021 \$15.81 C/O SAJA NASSER DESCRIPTION: 0.488 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 49-51 High Street as described in Book 44747 Page 255, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 61.0 Lot 10.0 RICE, CARYL & RICHARD 2021 \$812.53 DESCRIPTION: 0.485 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 822 Hardwick Road as described in Book 32496 Page 57, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and shown on the Assessors Map 42.0 Lot 3.0 ROUTHIER, ARCHIE & MARLENE M 2021 \$150.12 DESCRIPTION: 0.583 +/- Acres of land and/or buildings thereon located on 18-20 Duhamel Court as

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Cub Scouts from Ware Family Pack 520 practice riding their bicycles.

Bike rodeo stresses SAFETY



Tiger Scout Eileen Flynn makes sure the wheel is secure.



Tiger Scout Mikayla Boos takes a turn inflating the tire.



Cubmaster Chris Boos shows the Scouts the parts of the wheel.

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confidence as the weeks progressed.

Once they had learned their hand signals, the Scouts learned the “rules of the road” and how to ride safely along with traffic. They learned about road signs and the importance of being aware of their surroundings. The Scouts learned the most important part of bike safety, is wearing a proper-fitting helmet at all times, even if they are just riding around their driveway.

After gaining confidence in their riding abilities, with many leaving their

training wheels behind, the Scouts learned how to make basic repairs on their bikes. Cubmaster Chris Boos showed the Scouts how to remove a tire and replace a damaged inner tube. Once they replaced the tire, the Scouts took turns inflating the inner tube with a hand pump until the tire reached the proper inflation.

Last Tuesday, the Tiger Scouts invited the rest of the Pack to participate in a Bike Rodeo in the parking lot at HeatPro on West Street. The Scouts showed their family and leadership the skills they learned and had fun splashing their bikes through puddles.

The Pack welcomed a visit from Ware Police Department’s Officer Jake Crevier, who congratulated the Scouts for being safety conscious.

Each Scout was rewarded with a gift card for ice cream at the end of the Bike Rodeo. They now look forward to their first trail ride on the Mass Central Rail Trail next week. Ware Family Pack 520 welcomes boys and girls in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. For more information about Cub Scouts, people may contact Cubmaster Chris Boos at 413-345-0448 or lotcredneck3.3@gmail.com.



Ware Police Officer Jake Crevier congratulates each Scout for earning their Rolling Tigers belt loop.

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